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BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER ... IN LEFT PHOTO: Six year-old Alexis Lussier of Feeding Hills, who decided to donate 12 inches of her hair to "Locks of Love," a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children across the United States (under age 18) suffering from long-term medical hair loss. **IN CENTER PHOTO:** Pam Prout of La Mirage (which performed the haircut free of charge) works on Alexis' hair. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** The newly-coiffed Alexis (holding her tresses) with her mother, Barbara, and sister, Delaney. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

"Locks Of Love" Go A Long Way

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

Six year-old Alexis Lussier of Feeding Hills, daughter of Paul & Barbara and sister of Delaney Lussier, announced to her parents that she wanted to donate her hair to charity. This practice, being reported sporadically in various parts of the country, usually takes place to benefit children who, for some reason, do not have any hair.

Alexis, a student at Robinson Park School, told her parents that she did not hear about this idea but just thought of it one day and wanted to contribute. It would appear that she had the idea on her own. It was a generous offer: Alexis had a head of hair that anyone might envy, with soft blonde locks hanging to her elbows.

Mrs. Lussier went on the Internet and found a non-profit organization called "Locks of Love." She downloaded the coupon from the site and proceeded with Delaney and Alexis to La Mirage in Feeding Hills to cut the golden tresses. La Mirage was kind enough to donate the haircut, done by hairdresser Pam Prout. The fine locks were collected and packed in a plastic bag.

Fortunately, Alexis looks just as cute in her new "do," and the lovely locks will go to a most worth cause: the making of wigs for patients undergoing chemotherapy, or patients who, for whatever other reason, have lost their hair or did not grow it.

"Locks of Love" is headquartered (pardon the pun) in Palm Springs, Florida. Their website can be found at www.locksoflove.org and is a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children across the United States (under age 18) suffering from long-term hair loss.

"Locks of Love" helps children with medical hair loss to achieve self-esteem and confidence. The hairpieces are custom-fitted and provided free of charge or on a sliding scale to children whose families meet the guidelines. Donors provide the hair, volunteers staff the office, and the manufacturer hand-assembles each piece, which requires about four months.

The organization was started in 1997 and has helped over 200 children. Bundles of donated hair arrive from around the country, mostly due to publicity the organization has received in newspaper and magazine articles or on television. Over 80 percent of the hair is being sent from children, which seems appropriate, since the recipients are also children.

Each custom, vacuum-fitted hairpiece is made entirely of donated human hair. No glues or tapes are used. The donated hair must be at least 10 inches and preferably 12 inches long. Alexis provided 12 inches. Mrs. Lussier told us that for a child to purchase a wig, the cost would be from \$300 to \$1,500.

"They will probably need more than one donation to make one wig," Mrs. Lussier said, "and each wig is made from several different people."

The donated hair must be bundled in a pony tail or braid, free of damaged hair from chemical processing and be clean and dry. For further information, the number of "Locks of Love" is 888-896-1588.

Because of the gesture made by Alexis, more children who have lost hair due to medical reasons will now have their own wig. By their decision to help "Locks of Love," Alexis and her family are helping to increase public awareness of the newer, admirable reason to make an appointment for a different coiffure.

Nine Years As Athletic Director...

Kathleen McSweeney Becomes Deputy Principal At AHS

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

When the students return to Agawam High School in September, a familiar face will greet them as their new deputy principal.

Known for the last nine years as a no-nonsense, by-the-book administrator by staff and students alike, Director of Athletics, Health, and Physical Education Kathleen McSweeney is, literally, moving to the front office.

Effective July 31st, Ms. McSweeney will become the school's new deputy principal, a position made vacant by the appointment of Paul Cavallo as AHS principal shortly before the close of school.

"My goal is to do the best possible job I can, working with students, parents, staff, and school administrators to make Agawam High School the best high school in Western Mass.," Ms. McSweeney said.

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Richard A. Cohen said he was pleased with the superintendent's decision in filling the position with someone who will bring continuity to the school administration.

"Dr. (Frank) Ameruso felt Ms. McSweeney was the most qualified for the position," Cohen said. "I'm glad Kathy will still be there. I'd hate to lose her."

Cohen described Ms. McSweeney as a fair, consistent person who will do a good job for the school.

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"I think she's very qualified to do the job, and she's well-liked by the administration and the students for her honesty and fairness," Cohen said. "I understand she's right to the point and no-nonsense."

After serving an internship as acting assistant principal in the spring of 1999, Ms. McSweeney has a better-than-average idea of what's in store for her as the school disciplinarian.

"My internship gave me a taste of what the position will be about," Ms. McSweeney said. "I learned that it's tough when you have to spend 100 percent of your time on five percent of the kids."

And while the new position may hold few surprises for Ms. McSweeney, the same can be said for the students and staff as far as what to expect from the deputy principal.

"After nine years at the High School, people know what I'm all about," Ms. McSweeney noted. "I know what's right for the kids and I will hold teachers accountable."

Relying on her linchpin values of consistency, fairness, and respect, the new deputy principal intends her office to be more than just a place where kids are sent when they are in trouble. Ms. McSweeney plans to make her office a place where the students will be comfortable dropping in to talk about whatever is on

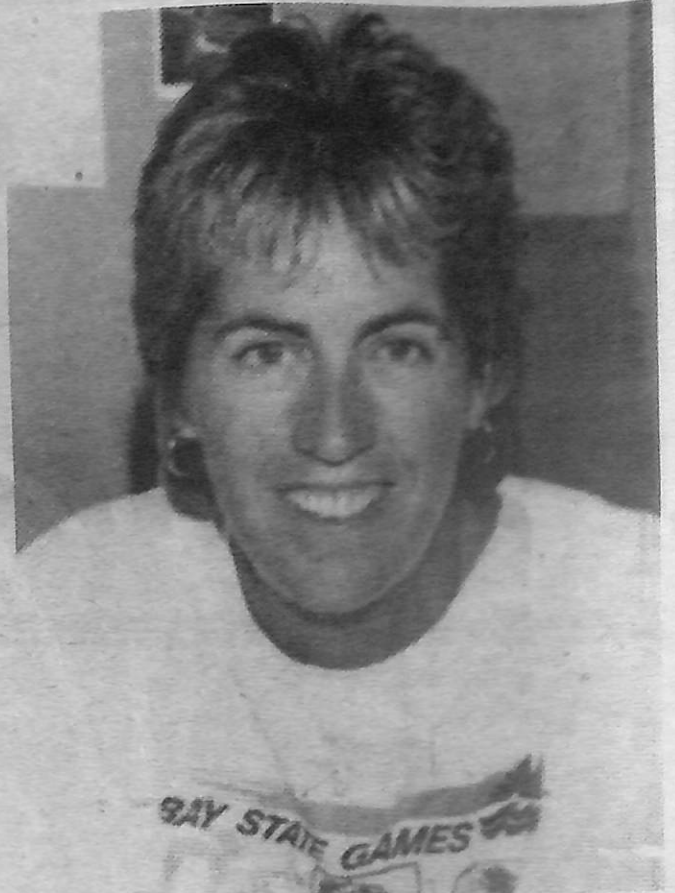
their minds, whether it be school-related or just life in general.

"I want to get to know as many of the kids as I can and support them in any way that I can," Ms. McSweeney said. "I want to create the kind of atmosphere that will make this a great place for the kids."

Pending School Committee approval, the duties encompassed within Ms. McSweeney's former job description will be split among three positions. The plan is to create a 10-month position as director of athletics and student activities to oversee sports at the High School as well as the extracurricular student clubs. In addition to athletics, the director will be responsible for supervising club advisors and for coordinating the calendar to avoid conflicts between sports and other student activities.

The areas of health and physical education, formerly incorporated into the athletic director's job, will come under the supervision of coordinators and liaison teachers as in the academic departments.

A native of North Quincy, Massachusetts, Ms. McSweeney holds a master of education degree in educational leadership from Salem State College, a master of science degree in health and physical education (with a minor in administration) from South Dakota State University, and a bachelor of science degree in health and physical education from Bridgewater State College.



Kathleen McSweeney

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

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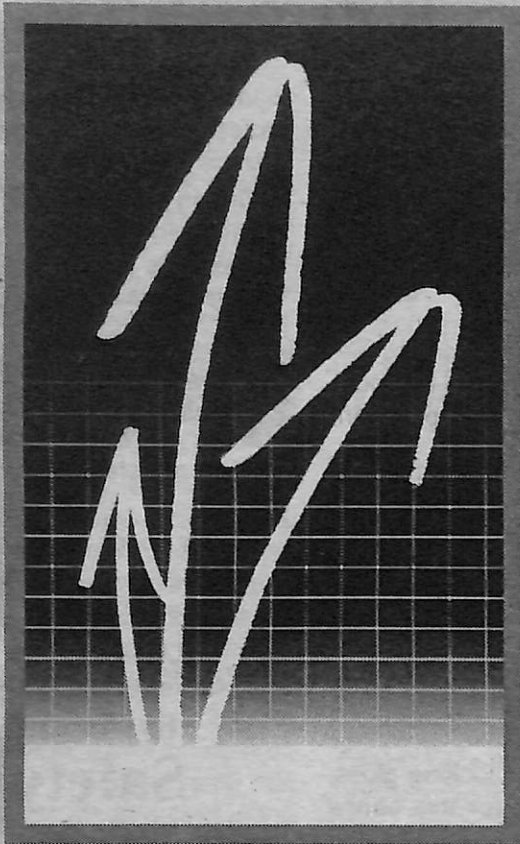
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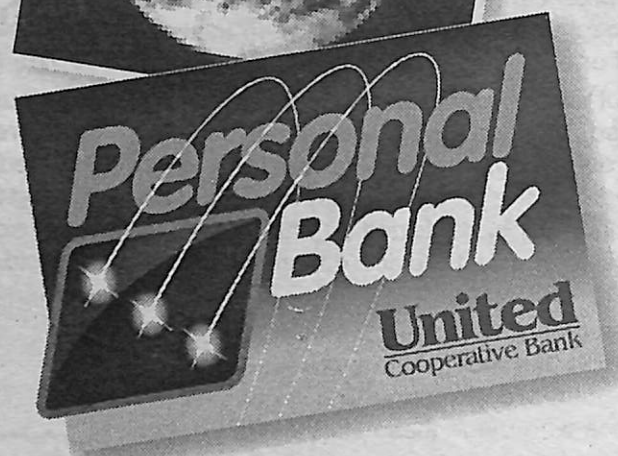
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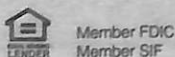
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Letters To The Editor

Agawam Resident Questions Fire Dept. Officials' Motives

To The Editor:

On Monday night, July 17th, as our City Council's industrial relations subcommittee met, I felt a sensation that, quite frankly, left me horrified.

What I felt was the sickening sensation of my confidence in certain Fire Department officials eroding. Impetus for this sensation was provided by what I construe to be the dismissive attitude on the part of some towards a great many safety concerns as expressed by many residents regarding our superfluous nuisance power plant.

It was bad enough that Earth Tech, all throughout a great many hearings and meetings, assumed a role as the power plant's public relations firm and acted in essence to wage a disinformation campaign.

Far more horrible is the sickening sensation I now have that a few Fire Department officials have assumed a similar role for themselves, and have actually stepped forward as apologists for the disingenuous Earth Tech to boot.

I believe this a stance betrayed by the dismissive attitude that some now broadcast loudly.

Why some such seem astonished by the lack of public confidence in the January revised evacuation plan eludes me. Fire Department officials signed off on and/or vouched for the Earth Tech produced document - allowing, in the process, a disingenuous claim by Berkshire Power to have met this particular condition set by the Zoning Board of Appeals, knowing all the while of not only the disingenuousness of Earth Tech's possibly perjured testimony before state agencies, but also the grotesque inadequacies and errors of the maps that Earth Tech provided.

If I lived on the streets in Berkshire Power's vicinity that have not appeared on these maps, my dwindling confidence would very quickly turn into fear.

Further fueling such a fear, would be such statements as those indicating that an incident's improbability should alone allay fears, as if such improbable events need not be prepared for.

Such a fear might also be further magnified upon hearing that potential (albeit improbable) events at a power plant ought not concern us any more than the pipeline itself or chemicals stored at Fisher Scientific.

It would not allay my fears to learn that equipment was "inspected" by people who lack technical knowledge of that equipment, and I would hardly be reassured upon hearing the purely speculative suggestion that a toxic cloud might be diluted by natural events, as if the speculator could provide documentation of the cloud's harmlessness.

Noting how these statements were made at late hour, my hope is that they were made out of frustration over time elapsed at the meeting. I certainly do hope that those who made these statements are not dismissing any citizen's concerns as a matter to joke about.

It alarms me that some of those who made these statements construe the matter to be purely political, as if those of us concerned with a threat (however small) to human life are merely trying to score points with this.

What might genuinely be political is the dismissiveness itself, if it is a quid pro quo perhaps inspired by the fact that Berkshire Power has become a benefactor for the department.

I hope and pray that my perception of this quid pro quo has absolutely no merit, as that would eliminate my confidence in these officials completely.

Owen R. Broadhurst
Agawam

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A Great Show By Academy Of Artistic Performance

To The Editor:

If what you see is what you get, then you've seen the best when you attended the 25th anniversary review of the Academy of Artistic Performance in June.

Every dance routine reflected the dedication and commitment of the artistic instructors, Nancy Locke and Debbie McManus, as well as Pre-School Directors, Patti Beaudette and Lisa Bruno.

These are wonderful, warm-hearted instructors who make all the difference in the lives of their students. All the teams of helpers who were so faithful in helping are also to be applauded.

There certainly were "candles in the night" illuminating the stage as dancers from the Pee Wee Workshop up to the Pre-Junior and Senior Workshops performed for the new millennium, right on up to the graduates who will go on to college, etc., this fall.

It was, indeed, a magnificent performance. It is easy to recognize the discipline and structure in the well-organized and smooth run of the show.

Through the years and through the looking glass, reflects 25 wonderful years of magic for this dance company. There have been too many students to count over the last 25 years who studied acro, tap, jazz, ballet, pointe, and baton who graduated and have gone on to a whole new world of academics, etc.

Academy of Artistic Performance, we salute you and congratulate you on this, your 25th magical year.

Lillian S. Peloquin
Springfield

Heritage Woods Knows How To Celebrate A Birthday

To The Editor:

I would like to thank everyone on behalf of my great-aunt, Hedwig Selle (who lives at Heritage Woods Assisted Living), for helping to celebrate her 100th birthday.

I would especially like to thank Executive Director Lois Vandergrift and Head Chef Robert Murray, as well as all the wonderful staff. I couldn't have done it without your help.

Mona Murphy
Feeding Hills

Spfld. Turnverein's Glee Club Is A Class Act

To The Editor:

I would like to thank everyone from the Springfield Turnverein Glee Club who came to Heritage Woods Assisted Living on July 10th to sing for my great-aunt, Hedwig Selle. Your wonderful singing was enjoyed by the residents and was especially joyful for my 100 year-old great-aunt.

Thank you, everyone, so very much.

Mona Murphy
Feeding Hills

Benerakis Family Thanks Nurse Sherry Petrucci

To The Editor:

On behalf of my family, I would like to publically thank Sherry Petrucci, Agawam's Town Nurse, for her professional and personalized attention to Agawam's citizens.

During a routine visit to the Town Hall, my mother became short of breath. Sherry recognized that my mother was in distress. Her innate response was to take immediate action, checking vital signs and monitoring her condition.

My mother was admitted to the hospital and is now recovering.

Sherry's willingness to intervene and to provide medical assistance quite possibly saved my mother's life.

Sherry, thank you!

Jane H. Benerakis and Family
Agawam

FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Safety Tips For Outdoor Cooking

Everybody loves an outdoor barbecue. However, outdoor cooking can also lead to tragedy when carelessness causes serious burns.

The Agawam Fire Department offers the following safety checklist to use when cooking outdoors:

- * When lighting a grill, the safest fire starters are chemicals in cake form or a charcoal electric starter.

- * Never add a fire starter after you have started your barbecue. The heat from the coals could ignite the stream of liquid and burn back into the can, causing it to explode in your hands. To speed a slow fire, tuck dry kindling under the charcoal.

- * Make sure the barbecue grill is level and steady, and keep a container of water nearby.

- * After cooking, soak the coals in water. Dispose of charcoal in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Many brush fires start because hot coals, thought to be cool, were dumped in leaves.

- * All barbecue grills should never be brought inside the house, tent, or recreational vehicle, because of the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning in sealed or confined areas.

- * Keep small children away from the barbecue.

- * A bag of damp or wet charcoal should be immediately disposed of, as it can spontaneously combust.

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Town Working With Six Flags To Ease Main Street Traffic Woes...

Traffic Plan For Main Street Stalled In State Legislature

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Despite assurances from the highest level of state government that help is on the way, plans to alleviate the traffic hot spots that have been bedeviling Main Street for the last few years remain in limbo.

At the grand opening of Six Flags New England in May, Lt. Governor Jane Swift announced the approval of a \$1.2 million state grant to fund the design and construction of transportation improvements along Main Street.

But with the transportation bond bill (which contains the money for the project) stalled at the Statehouse, the timetable for easing the traffic woes for town residents is inching further and further into the future. And there's little the town can do about it because Main Street is a state-owned and operated roadway.

Mayor Richard A. Cohen said the legislature has until July 31st to pass the transportation bond bill, but the town has not received any written confirmation on the grant approval. And town officials worry that Boston's Big Dig could continue to mean delays in the funds needed for highway projects in Western Mass.

"There has been absolutely no money given to cities and towns for infrastructure (i.e., Route 57, the South End Bridge) because of the Big Dig," Cohen said. "I'm putting the burden on the state. They need to remember that Western Mass. is a part of the state. The Big Dig isn't the only vested interest. We exist."

Once the bond bill passes and grant approval for the traffic improvement project is made official, the timetable for completing the work will be up to the state. "We're hoping the work on Main Street will be done by the opening of Six Flags next year," Cohen said.

Last December, the town applied for a Public Works Economic Development (PWED) grant to make these safety and transportation improvements on Main Street:

* **Minor widening to accommodate a new shoulder on the southbound approach to the park.**

* **An exclusive southbound right-turn lane into**

Veterans' Cemetery.

* **Intersection improvements at Main Street/Elm Street/Elbert Street.**

* **Intersection improvements at Main Street and School Street.**

* **Roadway lighting improvements along the future Historic District on Main Street.**

The grant application was prepared jointly by the town and Premier Parks.

In early December, Premier Parks "branded" Riverside a Six Flags park and later submitted a Notice of Project Change (NPC) to the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA). Despite a comment letter from town officials urging that an Environmental Impact Report be required for the Six Flags expansion project, EOEA Secretary Robert Durand granted a certificate finding that the potential impacts from the Six Flags master plan do not require an environmental impact study.

According to Planning Director Deborah S. Dachos, a notice of project change contains the same elements as an environmental impact report, but with less detail and less review. Also, an environmental impact report requires a public hearing, whereas a notice of project change does not.

The town is appealing Durand's decision, but Cohen said he would drop the appeal if the town can come to a written agreement with Six Flags that would address all the concerns raised during the MEPA review.

In the meantime, Cohen said traffic tie-ups have been less serious than originally anticipated when Premier Parks first announced their intent to upgrade Riverside Park to a Six Flags theme park.

"Yes, there are traffic jams, but they're a lot less than people anticipated," Cohen said. "I live off Main Street myself, so I know it's an inconvenience to the people living there. Saturday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. can be very difficult, and we're trying to keep the traffic flowing by having the traffic

lights blinking and having officers direct the traffic."

Police officers are also assigned to some of the side streets without traffic lights, and a motorcycle officer is on patrol to help people gain access to Main Street.

According to Cohen, Six Flags General Manager Timothy Black patrols Main Street during peak traffic hours, identifying trouble spots and calling for more officers to be assigned to those areas.

"I have to say Six Flags has been extremely involved in trying to be a good neighbor and trying to alleviate the traffic problem," Cohen said. "I've made it clear to them that I want people's lives interrupted as little as possible."

Six Flags representatives meet with the Police Department each Wednesday to discuss what happened over the previous weekend and to see what can be done to improve the situation for the upcoming weekend, Cohen said.

"We're on the third draft of an agreement with Six Flags already," Cohen said. "I just want to make sure that all the things that weren't addressed in the NPC are taken care of; then I'll pull the appeal."

Among the concerns raised in a letter sent to Durand in March, the town points out that the plans for making intersection improvements were based on a traffic study that did not contain an analysis of the impact of the Six Flags master expansion plan. Also, the town did not have adequate information during the preparation of the PWED grant application to address the projected impacts of the Master Plan.

Town officials believe they need more information, including projected attendance figures with supporting documentation, in order to identify the impacts on traffic and determine if the mitigation efforts covered by the PWED grant are going to work.

Also, the town wants to make sure there is adequate parking for park patrons, employees, and buses. Due to environmental constraints (rivers,

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Town Council Committee Focuses On Berkshire Power; Decides To Postpone Six Flags Discussion

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Although the agenda for its Monday evening meeting listed but two items, the Town Council Industrial Relations Committee chairman summarily dismissed three representatives of Six Flags New England, saying the committee would not have time to get to the discussion slated regarding disaster planning at the park because a promise had been made to allow town residents the opportunity to question Berkshire Power Plant Manager Frank Basile.

Councilor Gina Letellier apologized to the Six Flags representatives for keeping them waiting so long (over 90 minutes). Ms. Letellier said she had made a promise to let people ask questions on the Berkshire Power evacuation plan, and that the committee would have to reschedule their conversation with Agawam Fire, Police, Berkshire Power, and Six Flags regarding disaster planning.

"My apologies. I underestimated the time," Ms. Letellier said.

In addition to committee members (Councilors) Jill Simpson, Anthony Bonavita, and Robert Rossi, the meeting was attended by Council President Robert Magovern and Councilors George Bitzas and Dennis Perry. A total of seven councilors participated in the meeting.

Expressing his concern over postponing an important discussion during the theme park's busy season, Rossi urged rescheduling as soon as possible. Ms. Letellier agreed to post a new meeting time and date, hopefully early next week.

Before getting to the first item of agenda, the Berkshire Power evacuation plan, Ms. Letellier gave committee members the opportunity to ask Basile follow-up questions on an April 5th incident where an explosive noise caused fear and consternation among some of the plant's neighbors. In June, Basile sent the council a written response to a list of questions posed earlier by the industrial relations committee.

Basile apologized for the inconvenience caused by the noise and explained that a silencer attached to a safety valve had been modified, inspected, and had been in use since the incident with no further problems.

In order to avoid panic among the neighbors in the event of a real or a perceived emergency, several councilors suggested improving communications, possibly through the use of a whistle system, a telephone chain, an 800 phone number with a recorded message, a computerized telephone system, or contacts with local television and radio stations.

Basile said Berkshire Power accepts the responsibility of notifying the Police and Fire Departments as quickly as possible in the event of an emergency. Adding that he felt a horn alarm system would likely cause more fear and confusion in the neighborhood, Basile said he would "leave it up to the experts" to make that determination.

Rossi brought to the committee's attention the importance of creating a list of people with special needs living close to the plant to make it easier for

public safety personnel to provide the help needed in the event of an evacuation.

A retired police lieutenant, Rossi said he had all the confidence in the world in the ability of the Fire and Police Departments to respond to an emergency at the power plant. Rossi said the public shouldn't be "overly concerned" because there is a good emergency response system in place.

"Our response teams have all the back-up they need," Rossi said. "All they need is the communication of who needs special help ... (Then) the commanders can make the assignments to those areas."

Rossi said he would like to see some way to gather information on residents with special needs, suggesting either an employee of Town Hall or a student intern be utilized for the task.

Asked if he was satisfied that the Fire Department had the right equipment and proper training to deal with an emergency at the power plant, Deputy Fire Chief Steven Martin said he is never "satisfied" and that training in an ongoing effort.

However, Martin said Berkshire Power has cooperated with the Fire Department and the regional hazardous materials team in terms of providing tours and training at the plant, as well as providing training films, equipment, and materials as requested.

"Berkshire Power has responded with virtually everything on our list," Martin said.

Basile added that his company has spent \$75,000 to date on equipment and materials for the Fire Department. "We have yet to turn down a request from the Fire Department, and we will continue (with that policy)," Basile said. "We want the best-equipped fire department in Agawam."

To assuage concerns relating to fire suppression at the plant, AFD Inspector Michael Mercadante said he worked closely with Berkshire Power engineers to set up a four-part extinguishing system at the plant. Mercadante said there are two separate systems to protect the oil storage tank, which is encased in a 12-foot concrete retaining wall. One system involves the delivery of many thousands of gallons of fire suppression foam; the second system includes handlines to extinguish chemicals if there were a problem with a delivery truck.

"The tank is safe. All the welded seams (on the sides) have been tested, and all the seams on top have been tested," Mercadante said. "We're very confident with what we've been able to accomplish with the cooperation of Berkshire Power."

Mercadante said there are also two separate fire suppression systems in the generation building, which is home to the gas-fired generator. The first causes a full flooding of 4,000 gallons of carbon dioxide in the event of an unusual level of heat or smoke within the building. In addition to immediately shutting

down the flow of gas to the generator, the system dumps another 2,000 gallons of carbon dioxide to cool down the generator. And the building is also equipped with sprinklers.

"More redundancy (in the system) would simply be more redundancy," Mercadante said. "Where combustion takes place, the system is double- and triple-protected."

In response to concerns raised over the possibility of an explosion at the plant, Martin said such an event would be "very highly unlikely," requiring "the right combination of events." Furthermore, Martin rejected assertions that the half-mile radius encompassing the evacuation zone for a worst-case scenario incident would constitute a "killing zone" for nearby residents.

Addressing concerns over the possibility of a release of ammonia chloride at the plant, Martin said the most contamination that would reach the public would be a concentration of 63 parts per million, well below the 300 to 500 parts per million needed to cause serious injury.

"A release would be detectable, but not lethal," Martin said. "However, we take a hard look at the elderly and people with a susceptibility, but the employees at the plant are the ones who would be in danger."

Martin flatly refuted the notion that there is a half-mile killing zone around the plant, and Mercadante noted that the chemicals stored at other businesses in town are much more dangerous.

In response to questions relating to speculation about the reasons behind the delay in the originally announced date for the plant to go on-line as a commercial operation, Basile said, "There is absolutely nothing wrong at the plant."

Basile said the three owners of the plant made a conscious decision to continue the commissioning and testing phase at the plant in order to avoid shutting down after 60 days of operation for the installation of operational components of the gas turbine. Rather than having to shut down during the height of the winter, Basile said the decision was made to gain additional experience by installing the components before going commercial.

"All is well," Basile said. "The plant is capable of producing efficient, cost-effective electricity throughout the winter."

The first merchant plant and the first combined cycle plant to go on-line, Berkshire Power has the cleanest, most efficient gas turbine on the market, Basile said.

Basile said the testing and inspections at the plant would be complete by the end of the month.



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Veterans' Council Golf Tournament On Sat., August 5th

The Agawam Veterans' Council's Fourth Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 5th, at St. Anne's Country Club.

Tickets are \$65 per person and include greens fee, cart, and a buffet dinner after golfing. Registration is at 12:00 noon, with tee times beginning at 12:30 p.m. There will be numerous raffles with fantastic prizes.

To reserve your foursome, contact the Department of Veterans' Services at 786-0400, ext. 236, or stop by the office at the Town Hall. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, August 1st.

Proceeds from the tournament continue to support the Veterans' Memorial Honor Roll. This project culminates over six years of extensive research and will eternally honor the names of Agawam's hometown men and women who answered the call to war from the Revolution to the Persian Gulf.

Information Sought On Medal Of Honor Recipient

During a recent trip to the Freedom Foundation, a visit was made to the Medal of Honor Library by members of Wilson Thompson Auxiliary Unit 185. Members found that there had been one recipient from Agawam.

"Edwin Leonard, Rank and Organization: Sergeant Company 1, 37th Massachusetts Infantry. Place and Date: Near Petersburg, VA. June 18, 1864. Entered Services at Agawam, MA. Date of Issue of Medal of Honor: August 16, 1894. Citation: Voluntarily exposed himself to the fire of a Union Brigade to stop their firing on the Union skirmish line."

Anyone having more information regarding Edwin Leonard, please contact Auxiliary President Mary Ellen Morissette at 789-7278.

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streams, and wetlands) on the land owned by Premier Parks, the town is concerned that there may not be room for the 4,000 to 4,500 additional parking spaces needed when the park expansion plans are complete.

Among the other concerns raised by the town are the difficulty fire vehicles and ambulances have exiting the Main Street fire station during peak traffic hours, and Six Flags' intention to continue using movable traffic cones and police officers in its traffic management plan. The town wants permanent, in-place traffic control structures to be used in managing traffic in front of the park.

Town planners aren't alone in their concern over the impact of the Six Flags expansion plan on local roadways. In a letter to the EOE, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Executive Director Timothy W. Brennan cites a lack of information regarding the impacts that park-related traffic will have on the interstate highway system, including the Mass Pike, Interstate 91, and the South End Bridge/Route 57 rotary, one of the top 30 congested areas in the region.

Brennan believes the transportation study area should be expanded to include the impacts of the proposed expansion plan on Route 91 both north and south of the site.

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- Agawam Obituaries -

G. PAUL CALBERG, SR.

G. Paul Calberg, Sr., 91, formerly of Harmon Avenue, Springfield, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was born in Brooklyn, New York, and lived in Springfield most of his life.

He graduated from the former Technical High School in Springfield and Pratt Institute in Brooklyn in 1931.

He retired after 30 years as a die sinker for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. He had formerly worked for Westinghouse Electric, Storm's Drop Forging, Moore Drop Forge, and Pioneer Die Co.

He was the oldest living member of First Springfield Church of the Nazarene and served on the Church Board for 47 years. He also served as Sunday School superintendent, Church Board secretary, and president of the Young People's Society, Nursing Home Ministries for 68 years.

His wife, the former Freada Mae Leete, died in 1982.

He is survived by two sons, G. Paul Jr. of Feeding Hills and Stephen W. of Pembroke, MA; two daughters, Judith Ball of Agawam and Sharon C. Brown of Easthampton; five grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

The funeral was held at the church, and Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home of State Street, Springfield, was in charge of the arrangements. Burial was in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Nazarene World Mission Society, c/o The Church of the Nazarene, 981 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01109.

MARY A. DELANO

Mary A. (Kosak) Delano, 82, of 132 South West Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at home.

She worked at the former American Bosch Co. for 42 years and retired in 1980.

Born in Chicopee, she lived in Feeding Hills for the past 68 years.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills and a member of the Polish American Club Women's Auxiliary.

Her husband, William F. Delano, died in 1989.

She leaves two stepsons, Donald R. of Illinois and Raymond F. of Boston; three nephews; and a niece.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones

Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Weldon Center Adult Care Unit, 233 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

MYRTLE A. GAUTHIER

Myrtle A. (Walder) Gauthier, 91, of 464 Main Street, Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

She was an inspector at the former Alamac Knitting Mills in the Indian Orchard section of Springfield.

Born in Palmer, she lived in Ludlow for 72 years before moving to Agawam three years ago.

Her husband, Pierre Gauthier, died in 1954.

She leaves a son, Arthur "Jack" of New Britain, CT; a daughter-in-law, Isabel L. (Victor) of New Britain; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Ratell Funeral Home, with burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery, both in Indian Orchard.

GEORGE M. GREEN

George M. Green, 81, of Springfield, died recently in that city.

He was the owner of the 1 Hour Valet Cleaners for 55 years and retired in 1988. He worked previously at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division of United Technologies Corp. in East Hartford, CT.

Born in Agawam, he was a graduate of Agawam High School and lived in Springfield for 50 years.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony Maronite Church.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, the former Noela Godard; a son, George of West Springfield; three daughters, Kathleen Stratton of Richmond, Virginia, Diane Kearney of Agawam, and Sally Cardetti of Longwood, Florida; a brother, Edward of Citrus Heights, California; a sister, Josephine Page of West Springfield; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 120 Wall Street (19th floor), New York, New York 10005.

WALTER P. HARRINGTON

Walter P. Harrington, 98, of Cooper Street, Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

He was a retired self-employed landscaper and worked for the former Spaulding Nursery in Suffield,

CT.

Born in North Amherst, he lived in Agawam for the past 25 years.

He was a member of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

He leaves a brother, Burton of Fitchburg.

A private service was held in South Pleasant Street Cemetery in North Amherst. West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

JOSEPH W. LAMOTHE

Joseph W. "Woodie" Lamothe, 82, of Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

He was a mechanic for the city of Springfield and retired in 1981.

Born in Norwich, CT, he lived in Springfield for many years before moving to Agawam in 1975.

He was an Army technician five in World War II and received the European-African-Middle Eastern and American theater ribbons.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1632, and a member of American Legion Post 185.

He leaves his wife of 52 years, the former Mafalda Buldrini; a son, Joseph W. Jr. of Griffin, Georgia; three daughters, Carolyn Cianfrani of Aston, Pennsylvania, Patricia A. Lyas of Springfield, and Theresa G. Lamothe of Agawam; a sister, Olive Demon of the Florence section of Northampton; 13 grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1 Bromfield Street (fifth floor), Boston, MA 02108.

DENNIS P. McDONALD

Dennis P. McDonald, 54, of Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a U.S. Postal Service mail handler for 30 years and worked at several post offices in Springfield, most recently at the Riverside station.

Born and raised in Springfield, he lived in West Springfield before moving to Agawam 25 years ago.

He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and served aboard the fleet carrier USS James V.

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He was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and belonged to the Postal Service bowling and golf leagues.

He leaves two sons, Dennis R. of Reno and Darin J. of Pittsfield; a daughter, Terri McDonald of Enfield, CT; his mother, Virginia (Santamaria) McDonald of Springfield; a brother, Daniel R. of Springfield; and two sisters, Sheila M. Grasseti and Donna V. Nolan, both of Longmeadow.

The funeral was held at Sampson Liberty Street Funeral Home and Sacred Heart Church, both in Springfield, with burial to be scheduled in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 395 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

ANTHONY W. NACEWICZ

Anthony W. Nacewicz, 86, of 120 Edgewater Road, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

He worked for 45 years at Buxton in Agawam, retiring in 1981 as a superintendent and general manager.

Born in Agawam, he was a graduate of Agawam High School and a lifelong resident of the town.

He was a communicant of St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus Church and formerly active in the Agawam Little League Association.

He was a member of the Agawam Lions Club, the Massachusetts Horseshoe Association, and the Buxton Retirees Club.

His wife, the former Dorothy L. Geoffrion, died in 1997.

He leaves two sons, Roy A. of South Gate, Michigan, and Lee W. of West Springfield; three sisters, Bertha Moylan of Longmeadow, Genevieve Searle of Southampton, and Irene Briggs of Newton; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home

and the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Pioneer Valley, 50 Maple Street, Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

PAUL PSILOS

Paul Psilos, 86, of 125 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, a founder of the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was also an officer for the Chamber and served as a trustee of Chicopee Savings Bank.

He owned and operated Paul's Shoe Center in Chicopee, and previously owned a shoe store in Middletown, Connecticut. He also had been a store manager for the former Spenser Shoe Co. in Springfield. During World War II, he was a quality control inspector in the tool and die department at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division of United Technologies Corp. in Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

Born in Sfakia, Crete, Greece, he came to this country as an infant and lived in Springfield for most of his life. He was a lifelong member of St. George Orthodox Parish.

As a member of the parish council in the 1930's, he strongly supported the purchase of a church at the corner of Main and Plainfield Streets, the site of the current Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. George.

A member of the Springfield YMCA since 1929, he was cited in 1996 as its oldest continuous member. He was a charter member of its Valley Athletic Club. He was a 50-year member of AHEPA.

His wife, the former Ann A. George, died last year.

He leaves a son, Paul D. of Union, Illinois; a daughter, Diana J. Psilopoulos of West Dennis; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the cathedral, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. George, 8 Plainfield Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Melconian Votes To Pass HMO Patient Bill Of Rights

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is proud to announce the passage of a comprehensive HMO patient bill of rights.

This legislation assures that all decisions about patient care are made on the basis of medical necessity, not cost.

"This legislation puts medical decisions back where they belong, with patients and doctors," said Melconian. "Insurers who have never seen the patient should not decide whether a particular medical treatment is necessary or appropriate."

House Bill 5333, "An Act Protecting the Health and Safety of the Massachusetts Consumer from Certain Managed Care Practices in the Insurance Industry," creates a broad range of protections for HMO consumers.

The legislation mandates the creation of an internal and external review process for all denials of medical care or coverage, establishes an HMO oversight review board, and requires that the Division of Medical Assistance and private insurers cover all reasonable emergency services.

"We are finally getting the health care we pay for. It's fine that insurers will pay for you to see the doctor when you have sniffles, but it's vital that they cover you when you are seriously ill."

"It's time for bad HMOs to shape up. We know some HMOs were wrongly profiting by denying patients medical care that they paid for through their health insurance. These HMOs will no longer be able to capriciously deny coverage in order to save money at the cost of lives."

The legislation would also allow study of the problem of the uninsured in the state, create a process to deal with non-profit to profit hospital conversions, and grant women the right to use their obstetricians and gynecologists for most of their primary care.

The legislation now awaits the signature of Governor Cellucci.



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"Everyday Hero Program" Initiated At Heritage Hall

On June 5th, a special program called the "Everyday Hero Program" began at Heritage Hall East to recognize the majority of the employees who not only have perfect attendance, but also on a daily basis display a positive attitude toward all aspects of their assignments at Heritage Hall East.

With the exception of department supervisors, all employees are eligible to receive achievement awards many times each day for displaying the attitudes and actions that foster a positive atmosphere for not only the employees but also for the customer.

These duo signature certifications are issued continuously during the day; one part of the certificate is given to the employee, and the other placed in a ballot box in the lobby.

Once a week drawings are held. All employees who have received recognition are eligible for one of the following prizes:

A \$25.00 gift certificate to a mall or store, to purchase gasoline, a phone card, or lottery tickets. In addition, those employees receiving more than 10 achievement awards are eligible for a \$50.00 gift certificate for a restaurant or to another special event.

Each month, all who received awards also may be chosen in the same manner for a weekend getaway.

All associated with Heritage Hall East admit that this is an excellent program to recognize the many individuals who go beyond their basic job description in so many ways each and every day.

It's these employees who make the environment at Heritage Hall East one in which it is a pleasure to work and, more importantly, provide all that each is able to insure the quality of life to our customers.

Winners so far are as follows: Week #1 - Maggie Kennedy, Rita Nordin, Annie Perry; Week #2 - Velda Hill, Eileen Ringenbach, Amy Dunn; Week #3 - Michelle Roy, Pat Fede, Jennifer Asselin; Weekend Getaway - Peggy Wells.

Library To Host Music Program

"Music and Movement for Young Children."

Singer/Musician Donna Lee will offer a music program at the Agawam Public Library on Monday, July 31, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Babies from birth to age 2 and their parents or caregivers are invited to come and join in the singing and dancing. Donna Lee plays and sings traditional songs and entertaining originals with an emphasis on sing-alongs and participatory songs.

This program is open to the public and registration is required. Please visit the Agawam Library or call 789-1550.



PICTURED ABOVE are some of the prize recipients from Heritage Hall East's "Everyday Hero Program." Front row: Michelle Roy, Certified O.T. Therapist; Eileen Ringenbach, Infection Control Nurse; and Annie Perry, Medical Records. Back row: Ira Schoenberger, Administrator; Amy Dunn, Dietary; Rita Nordin, Rehab Tech.; Velda Hill, Senior C.N.A.; and Cookie Bakowski, Director of Nursing. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Upcoming Activities Sponsored By The Agawam Senior Center

The Agawam Senior Center will be sponsoring the First Annual Shuffleboard Tournament at the New Courts at St. John's Field on Leonard Street on Tuesday, July 25th, from 10 a.m. - noon.

Trophies will be awarded according to age group. This event is organized by volunteer and instructor, Janice Schermerhorn.

Please bring your own bag lunch and beverages and desserts will be provided.

For pre-registration and more information, call Joan at the Senior Center 786-0400, ext. 242.

The Agawam Senior Center will be sponsoring "Musicorda - Young Classical Musicians" to perform a free concert at the center on Thursday, July 27th at 7 p.m., followed by an Ice Cream Sundae Social. The performance will be indoors and air-conditioned.

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DICK BASSETT (left), the Agawam Lions Club's Drug Awareness Chairman, recently presented Agawam DARE Officer Karen Langevin with a check to support the great work of the DARE Program. "DARE" - Drug Awareness Resistance Education - helps prepare the young people of Agawam to resist the use of drugs. The Lions Club has supported this program for many years. Keep up the good work, Agawam DARE!

Family Fun Night To Feature "Stuart Little" On July 22nd

On Sat., July 22nd at 7:00 p.m., havoc will be wreaked on Veterans' Green as many special guests will be featured before a "drive-in" style presentation of the movie "Stuart Little."

Special guests Fritz and Pockets will visit from Clownland and put on a magic and balloon show. The good people at the MSPCA will also be present and bring a special collection of their favorite furry friends. Many other special types of kid-oriented entertainment will be included.

The night's entertainment is free of charge and sponsored by Woronoco Bank as part of the town's Summer entertainment series.

The series is presented by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Agawam Rotary Club.

In the event of rain, the night's entertainment will be held in the auditorium of Phelps School.

For more information, call 789-7393 or look on the web (www.agawamcc.org).

"Friends" To Sponsor Trip To Atlantic City This October

Join "Friends" of the Agawam Senior Center to: Tropicana Casino Resort in Atlantic City: Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2000 - Thursday, Oct. 26, 2000.

With an 3:00 a.m. departure, we are bound for the excitement of Atlantic City (with comfort and meal stops en route).

We will enjoy one night at the Tropicana Hotel, where you will receive a tower room and have plenty of time to gamble in house/hotel's casino and also see a show.

Your package will include: round-trip motorcoach transportation, one night's accommodation at the Tropicana, a prime rib dinner, \$10 in coins, \$3 food credit, cocktails, and show. All taxes and tips (also includes driver's gratuities). Only \$115 per person (double). Departs at 8:00 a.m. from Agawam Senior Center. Returns approximately 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 26th. Open to the public.

Contact Nellie Mathias at 786-9093 for reservations. A \$25 deposit will hold your reservation. Or contact the Agawam Senior Center at 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam.

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"Memories" Big Band To Perform On Green

On Wednesday, July 26th, at 7:00 p.m., the 17-piece Big Band, *Memories*, will perform at Veterans' Green on Main Street, Agawam, as part of the town's Summer Entertainment Series.

Several members of the group are Agawam residents, and the band brings many years of experience of performing for audiences throughout the region. The group will perform many songs from the 1930's and 1940's, including hits from Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, and Benny Goodman.

The night's entertainment is free and presented by the Agawam Lions Club, which encourages attendees to bring old eyeglasses for donation to the event. The Lions Club is a world leader in helping to prevent blindness.

The summer-long series is presented by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Agawam Rotary Club. For additional information, call 789-7393 or look on the web (www.agawamcc.org).


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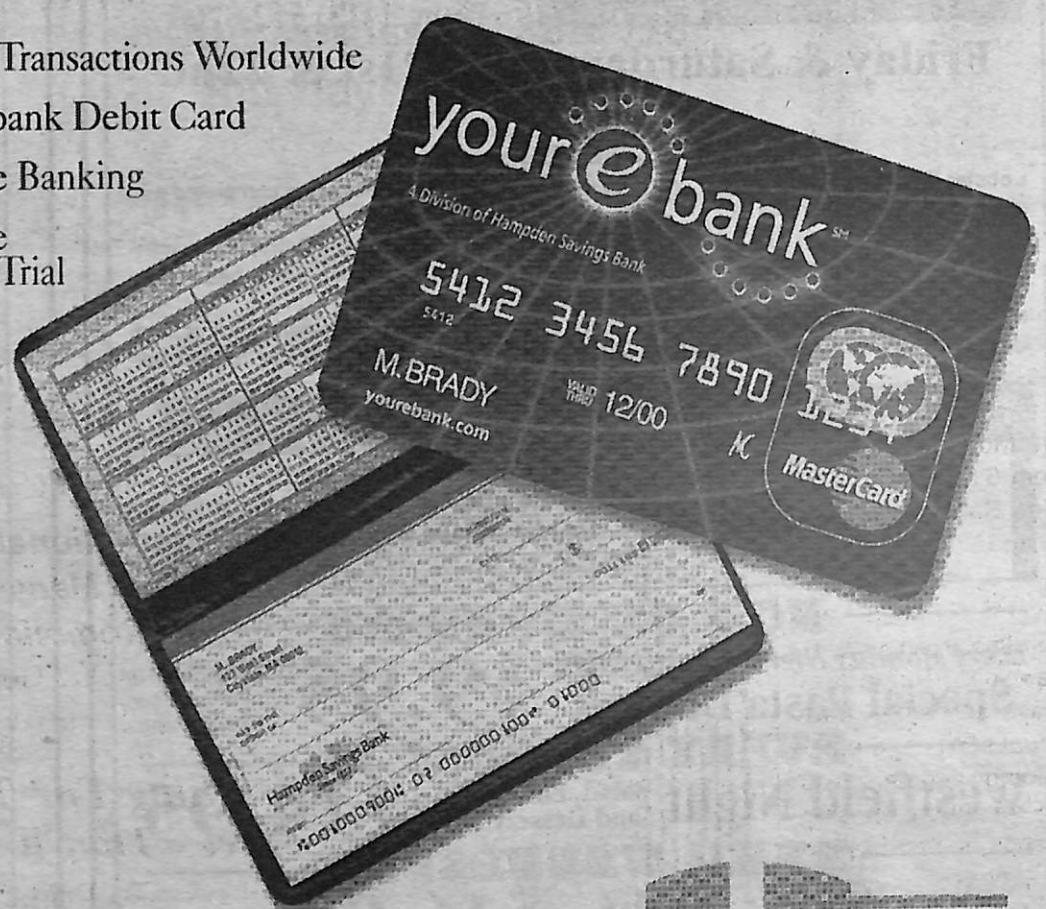
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Boy Scout Troop 78 Holds Court Of Honor Picnic

Boy Scout Troop 78 of the Springfield Turnverein ended their year with a Court of Honor picnic held at Robinson State Park.

Many merit badges were awarded and advancements acknowledged. Recent advancements were as follows: J.T. McCarthy, Brian Merriam, and Chris Cross to "Scout"; Brian Marchese and Scott Gates to "Tenderfoot Scout"; John Lennon to "Second Class"; Bill Kraus to "Life Scout"; Jeffrey Woodard to "Life Scout"; and Nate Skiba, Dan Boissoneault, and Chris Holl to "Eagle Scout."

The "Tiger Patrol," consisting of Jeremy Skiba (Patrol Leader), Eric Hogan, Dan Lizotte, Jeffrey Woodard, Scott Thomas, Joe McCarthy, Joe Fortunato, and Andrew Kretschmar, was honored for receiving the Baden-Powell Patrol Award. They had to sign a contract stating a list of requirements that they had to complete.

The troop also welcomed their newest members: Jonathan Waters, Jason Polek, Christopher Cross, J.T. McCarthy, Nicholas Suska, Kyle Sluis, Brian Merriam, and Brendon Struck.

Many of the scouts from the troop continue to meet on Tuesday nights to participate in the summer program under the direction of Assistant Scoutmasters Cliff Hogan and Bob Crawford. The scouts are looking forward to their summer camping trip to Moses Scout Reservation.

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 78's "Tiger Patrol," which received the Baden-Powell Patrol Award. Standing: Jeremy Skiba, Dan Lizotte, Joe McCarthy, Eric Hogan, Jeffrey Woodard, and Scott Thomas. Sitting: Andrew Kretschmar and Joe Fortunato. The "Tiger Patrol" was honored during the recent Court of Honor picnic at Robinson State Park which capped off Troop 78's year.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...



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Answer: Grandma may have many wonderful words of wisdom to pass on, but 100 strokes a day is one that has been proven not to be so wise. Hair brushing should be done gently without pulling or twisting; this will help to distribute natural oils to the ends of the hair. Wet hair should never be brushed, as the cuticle is swollen and the hair is susceptible to damage.

If blow drying with a brush, wait until the hair is about 80 percent dry first, as you can risk disrupting the moisture balance of the hair (causing loss of natural body and movement). If hair is tangled, use a wide-tooth comb to carefully work them out, starting from the ends and working up to the scalp.

I recommend to brush the hair before shampooing. This will help smooth cuticles, promote shine, and will stimulate the blood flow to the hair follicles, promoting healthy growth and removing accumulated dirt and dead skin cells. Over-brushing can tear the hair and will remove many of its natural oils instead of distributing them to the drier ends.

As far as brush choices, I recommend one that will suit your particular hair type and styling requirements. Natural bristles are less damaging to the hair, but can be too soft to penetrate thick hair. A mix of nylon and natural will give added strength for this type of hair.

If you are fortunate enough to have thick, curly hair, a brush with closely-spaced, all-nylon bristles will give maximum control for smoothing or straightening. Widely-spaced bristles will minimize pull to enhance wave and volume. For fine or thinning hair, use a soft-bristle brush.

Flat brushes, usually oval or rectangular in shape, are ideal for the basic work of smoothing and untangling the hair. Paddle brushes have large, flat bases, making them suitable for longer-length hair. Vent brushes have vented, hollow openings to allow a heated stream of air to flow through the brush and the hair. This will ensure high-speed drying and make easy work of root lift or adding volume in almost any style.

If you want to straighten curly hair to the sleeker styles or to style short hair, round brushes are best. For curling, the smaller the cylinder of the brush, the tighter the curl. If your hair is baby fine or you have short ends, this type works very well.

For straightening with a slight bend, the smaller brushes (five to seven centimeters in diameter) are great for shorter styles, while the brushes with a larger diameter should be used on longer hair. To speed up the drying process, try a round brush that has bristles embedded in a metal or aluminum barrel. This will heat up when using a blow dryer and help to set and style the hair.

Last, but most important, take care of your investment. Brushes should be cleaned of stray hair after each use and washed regularly with hot, soapy water. Lay on a flat surface to dry before putting away. Throw away brushes or combs with broken bristles or teeth, as these can tear and snag the hair and scratch the scalp.

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On Wednesday evenings, there is Prize Night Bowling at the Turnverein alleys offered to the public. The cost is \$8 for the evening.

The Turnverein bowling alleys are open to the public daily during the summer from 4:00-8:30 p.m.

Members of the Turnverein are now planning the big OKTOBERFEST, which will take place on Saturday, August 19th from 12:00 to late evening.

The day will include German foods, crafts, beer, and wine, the Shrine Band playing German music for listening and dancing in the afternoon and a DJ for dancing in the evening.

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Agawam Middle School Fifth-Graders Made Some Great New Friends During The 1999-2000 School Year

LINKING GENERATIONS

Rooms 204 and 203, Lou Spiro's and Jeanne Forgette's fifth-grade classes at the Agawam Middle School, made great new friends during the school year. Where did they meet these new friends? Spiro's class met their new friends at Heritage Woods, and Mrs. Forgette's class met their new friends at Heritage Hall South.

The children in both classes went to see their new friends every other Thursday since November. They did many things together during the year. They made crafts, they sang songs, they made homemade dog biscuits for the dog shelters, and the children learned some history from their new friends.

On June 15, 2000, the children in both classes performed in a play called "Innovations and Entertainment of the 20th Century" at Heritage Woods and Heritage Hall South. The children only performed the songs and dances, since it was the residents who taught the children about the inventions that were made in the 20th century.

These are the songs and dances that were performed by the children in Rooms 204 and 203, while Spiro accompanied the children by playing his guitar.

- * 1900's: The song "Jada."
- * 1910's: The song "Baby Face." Trio: **Leah Marsh, Caitlyn Davis, and Hana Al-Attar.** The babies were **Christopher Alvanos and Anthony Costa.**
- * 1920's: The song "Five Foot Two."
- * 1930's: "Burns and Allen" radio play. Gracie: **Emma Hendry.** George: **Ryan Belisle.** Announcer: **Lindsay Pfau.** Salesmen: **Michael DeChristopher, Paul Glantz, Christopher Alvanos, Brian Foley, and Nickul Shah.** Applause Sign: **Rosina Songorova.**
- * 1930's: "Pennies From Heaven." Solo: **Ariana Galdamez.**
- * 1940's: "String Of Pearls" - swing dance.
- * 1950's: The song "Maybe Baby."
- * 1960's: "Down Town." Solo: **Caitlyn Davis.** Her back-up singers: **Lindsey Pfau, Brianne Sacco, Meghan Henry, Lauren Bava, and Courtney Chisholm.**
- * 1970's: "Night Fever" - disco dance.
- * 1980's: The song "Runnin Down A Dream."
- * 1990's: "Jumpin' Jack." **Gregory Santos,** saxophone; **Anthony DePalma** and **Steven Donah,** gui-

tars; **Thomas Albano, Dirk Gendron, and Samantha Perry,** trombones; **Anthony Costa, Trudy Blair, and Meghan Henry,** trumpets; **Andrea Braccialarghe,** clarinet; **Sarah Long,** drums; **Greggory Lane,** bongo drums; and **Samantha Impionbato** and **Michael DeChristopher,** keyboards.

A big "thank you" goes to all the people who made this terrific program work at Heritage Woods. They are: Kim George (volunteer coordinator), Lynn Wilson and Diane Reynolds (activity directors), Lou Spiro (teacher), and parents volunteers Lisa Marsh, Cathy Thies, Arlene Lane, and Karen Davis.

A big "thank you" also goes to the residents at Heritage Woods and to the children in Room 204. The children are **Thomas Albano, Christopher Alvanos, Safha Baki, Jonathan Cesan, Courtney Chisholm, Katherine Cooper, Anthony Costa, Caitlyn Davis, Michael DeChristopher, Anthony DePalma, Steven Donah, Brian Foley, Dirk Gendron, Paul Glantz, Greggory Lane, Sarah Long, Lauren Longhi, Leah Marsh, Leah Mutti, Samantha Perry, Lindsey Pfau, Gregory Santos, Nicholas Savard, Mark Thies, Chelsea Wadsworth, and Megan Wills.**

A big "thank you" goes to all the people who made this program work at Heritage Hall South. They are: Kim George (volunteer coordinator), Debbie Evans (activity director), Jeanne Forgette (teacher), and parent volunteers Alice Bell, Lynne Henry, Debbie Ricco, and Christine Quill.

A big "thank you" also goes to the residents at Heritage Hall South and to the children in Room 203. The children are **Hana Al-Attar, Ryan Barrington, Lauren Bava, Ryan Belisle, Steven Carmody, Luke DaSilva, Ariana Galdamez, Analysa Haupt, Emma Hendry, Meghan Henry, Samantha Impionbato, John LaCroix, Domenic Moccia, Katelyn Morytko, Kevin Osgood, Nicholas Preston, James Ricco, Brianne Sacco, Nickul Shah, Rosina Songorova, Amanda Therrien, and Stephanie Wykcoff.**

Another big "thank you" goes to Country Flowers & Gifts for their generous donation of 54 carnations that the children gave to their new friends.

Parent volunteer Lisa Marsh stated, "I was talking to two of the residents at Heritage Woods, Marge Sitterly and Bertha Musinski. They were telling me that seeing the children brightens their day, and that they wished that they could see the children more often. Maybe the children got just as attached to their new friends that they will visit them often."

"She continued, 'I think that this is a terrific program. Mr. Spiro and Mrs. Forgette should get a teacher's award for getting their students involved in such a terrific program. These teachers are teaching history the best way; the children have fun learning from their new friends, and it makes so many people happy. I'm just glad that I was able to be a part of this terrific program.'"

Leah Marsh, a fifth-grader from Room 204, said, "I think that it is wonderful that Mr. Spiro and Mrs. Forgette get the children in their classes involved with the residents at Heritage Woods and Heritage Hall South. I had a great experience working with my new friends - Marge Sitterly, Bertha Musinski, and Joyce - at Heritage Woods. I have learned a lot from them, and I love going to visit them."

She added, "I wish all teachers did this special program at Heritage Woods and Heritage Hall. It makes the residents so happy that someone comes and visits them. I really got attached to my new friends, and I will be visiting them during the summer."



ARIANA GALDAMEZ sings a solo, "Pennies From Heaven," at Heritage Woods. Teacher **Lou Spiro** accompanied her on his guitar.

TOWN of AGAWAM SISTER CITY COMMISSION

Six days of Reggio October 4-9, 2000

The Town of Agawam Sister City Commission is hosting a delegation from our Italian Sister City of Reggio Calabria in October. A six day itinerary has been prepared to introduce and welcome them to our town, our region, and our country.

Although the Sister City Commission is an official, permanent town commission and its members appointed by the mayor, it is not currently funded by the town. In an effort to raise funds* to cover the expense of this October visit by our Sister City, the commission is producing a Jubilee Yearbook. This yearbook will be a keepsake of the visit, featuring profiles of Agawam and Reggio and other town information. Advertising opportunities in the yearbook are available starting from \$75. Patron listings are available for \$50. As a show of good faith, every member of the 30 person commission has committed to a Patron listing. The commission is also accepting donations of any size to help cover expenses. All donors will be listed in the yearbook.

For more information on the October visit or advertising opportunities, please contact Sister City Commission chairman Bill Euliano at 786-0441 or treasurer Sylvia Deliso at 786-1859.

*The Italian delegation is traveling and lodging at their own expense. All funds raised will be used for transportation and activities upon their arrival in Agawam. No funds will be used by any member of the Town of Agawam Sister City Commission for travel expenses or personal use at any time.



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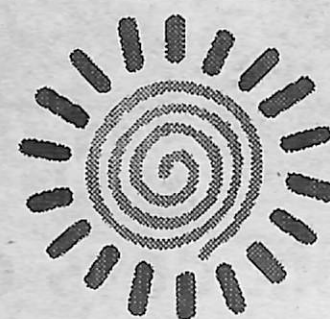
LAST MONTH, the fifth-grade students of Lou Spiro and Jeanne Forgette entertained the residents of Heritage Woods and Heritage Hall South. IN TOP LEFT PHOTO: Steve Donah and Anthony DePalma playing the guitar during "Jumpin' Jack" at Heritage Woods. IN TOP RIGHT PHOTO: Paul Glantz, Hana Al-Attar, Leah Marsh, Caitlyn Davis, and Gregory Santos singing "Baby Face" to their new friends at Heritage Woods. IN LOWER LEFT PHOTO: Gregory Santos performing on the saxophone during "Jumpin' Jack" at Heritage Woods.

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Amelia Park In Westfield - "A Dream Come True"

by Carol Leonard
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The ground-breaking for Amelia Park in Westfield, a multi-million-dollar Ice Arena/Sports Complex and Park, took place on May 21st, and is currently fast approaching its grand opening scheduled for September 10th. The garden is 1.25 acres and the centerpiece of the eight-acre Amelia Park Campus. There will be over 200 trees and bushes planted, with 40,000 bricks inlaid for the herringbone-patterned walkway.

Located on South Broad Street, this recreational facility is being fully financed by Westfield philanthropist Albert F. Ferst, who is bringing alive a dream his late wife, Amelia (Millie) Ferst, had wanted. Millie envisioned a way to give back to her community, and especially the youth, in providing positive opportunities for them. Ferst shares his wife's ideals, and there for the Ice Arena that Millie wanted built will become a reality. The Amelia Park Foundation, a non-profit entity, was formed in 1998, with the expressed purpose of building this recreational facility and park in her memory.

Ferst, a Westfield resident, founded and ran Camfour, a Westfield-based distributor of firearms, ammunition, and hunting accessories. He was recently honored for his distinguished public service. The retired industrialist was honored with the William Pynchon award on May 3rd. Ferst was quoted as saying, "I just feel I have been chosen by the good Lord - my wife and I - to funnel his blessings onto somebody else."

Amelia Ferst died in 1997. Ferst said she was involved in all decisions about contributing to others, and the Amelia Park and Ice Rink is in her honor. The Ferst family was instrumental in the construction of the Boys & Girls Club, and is also sponsoring the

future Skateboard Park on the Middle School grounds.

The Ground-Breaking Ceremony...

Ferst, his daughter, Patricia Kanzinger, and son, Bradley Ferst (along with local and state congressmen and representatives, mayors, the building chairman, and hockey celebrity Paul Fenton), took part in the ground-breaking ceremony, as did representatives of Westfield State College hockey, Westfield High School hockey, Westfield youth hockey, local organizations, and guests.

The students from the Westfield Middle School formed a human chain around the perimeter of the proposed ice arena as part of the ceremony. Ferst said, "It's only fitting that the kids participate because the facility 'Millie' envisioned was for kids."

Amelia Park Ice Arena and outdoor In-Line Rink is located on the grounds of the Westfield Middle School and the Boys & Girls Club. The Amelia Park Memorial Garden will tie the complex together in a unique setting, creating a campus-like atmosphere.

The Ice Rink features a 600-seat, NHL-size ice rink facility. The ice arena is a 47,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility for hockey, figure skating, and community skating. This unique arena echoes the industrial architecture of Westfield and has been designed by Design Forum, Architects, from West Hartford, Connecticut. The arena includes a competitive in-line outdoor skating rink, providing full utilization of the complex during all seasons. The ice arena houses party/multi-purpose rooms, dressing rooms, a concession area, skate rental and change area, a pro shop, and an arcade/videogame room.

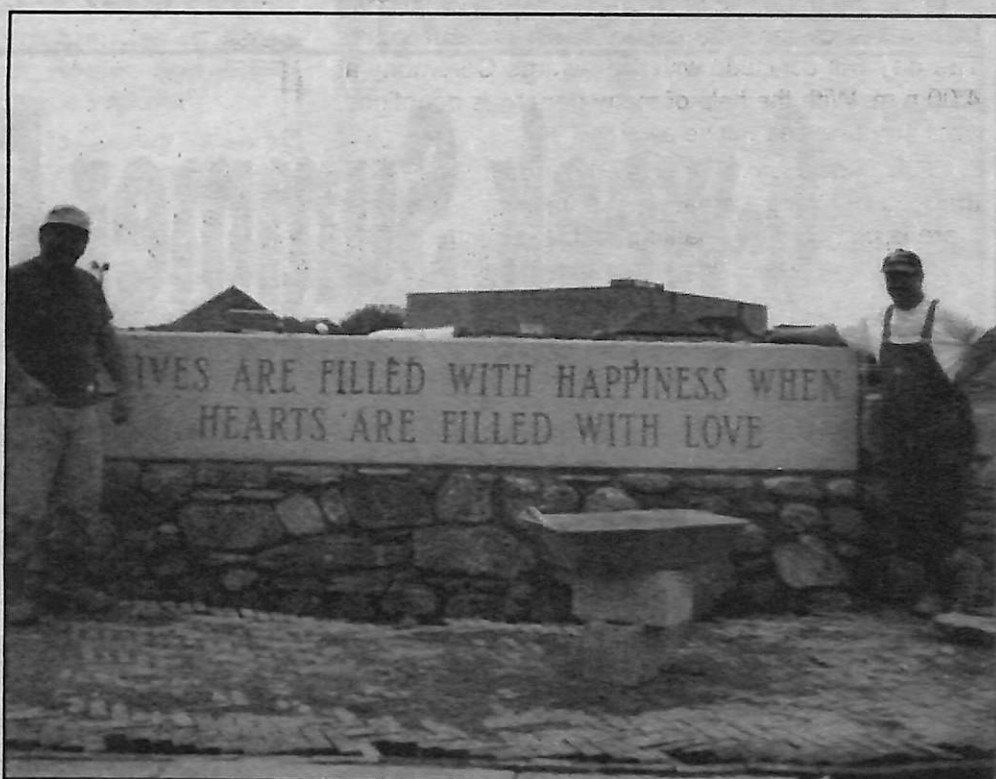
In addition to the ice rink, the complex features the

beautifully landscaped Memorial Park as the central focus point with its stone water fountain, unique flowering trees and shrubs, and winding pathways, along with a whimsical garden. There is also a raised granite curb edge and a brick walkway lined with Aristocrat pear trees, as well as double-headed lamps and unique park benches which define the Green. The garden will be a beautiful, intimate park space for families and children to enjoy.

The main entrances to the garden are at the eastern and western ends on axis with the new Amelia Ice Arena and the Boys & Girls Club. Large brick columns with spherical granite finials (which embrace the entry gates) define the entrances. Carved into a large granite stone on the Quotation Wall at the garden entrance, is a quote written by Mr. & Mrs. Ferst's granddaughter; it reads, "Lives are filled with happiness when hearts are filled with love."

Barbara Braem, public relations committee chairperson, comments, "This Amelia Ferst Ice Arena complex is probably the most unique ice arena in the country, simply because normally they are constructed like a butler building and this is a beautiful brick design."

The executive director of the Ice Arena is Bill Schoenberg. He is currently in the process of scheduling the ice time now. The Albert & Amelia Ferst Operating Foundation Committee members are: Albert Ferst (honorary member), Joseph DeLeo (co-chairman), Douglas LaPlante (co-chairman), David Amanti (building development committee chairman), Paul Barnes, Richard Sullivan, Harry Rock (personnel committee chairman), Barbara Braem (public relation committee chairperson), Mary Daigle, Beth Norton, Frank Powers, and Fred Woodward.



IN LEFT PHOTO: The front of the Amelia Ice Arena, located on South Broad Street in Westfield. The ground-breaking for this recreational facility took place on May 21st, and the grand opening is scheduled for September 10th; however, as of July 1st, there has been skating in the arena. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Andre Ledoux and Bill Barsez from Becket, MA, building the dedication wall at Amelia Park. The garden is 1.25 acres, and carved into a large granite stone on the wall at the garden entrance is a quote written by Mr. & Mrs. Ferst's granddaughter: "Lives are filled with happiness when hearts are filled with love." Advertiser News photos by Carol Leonard.

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Hampden County 4-H Fair Set For Saturday, July 29th

The Hampden County 4-H/Youth Fair Association would like to announce its 48th Annual Fair. The event is open to all youths in Hampden County between the ages of five and 19 years of age or to registered 4-H members in Hampden, Hampshire, Berkshire, or Franklin Counties.

The fair will be held on Sat., July 29th at the Eastern States Exposition Fair Grounds - Mallary Complex and outdoor horse arena. The doors will open at 9:00 a.m. and will close at 5:00 p.m.

There will be many special events during the day. Popular events such as the Fun Run, Pet Show, and the Pedal Tractor Pull will return.

All are open to the public. The first 50 entrants in the Fun Run will receive a T-shirt. Runners can sign up on the day of the fair. The Pedal Tractor Pull is for three to eight year-olds.

An array of livestock will be shown off during the day. Prized dairy and beef cattle, rabbits, poultry, goats, and sheep will be on display. You will be able to see horses trotting and jumping in the area located by the Avenue of States.

Come and see the Talent Show where youngsters showcase their singing, piano, and dancing talents.

Returning attractions this year include a Milking Program for youth, a Vegetable 500 Race, Egg Blowing, and Face Painting. New attractions include Badge-Making and Pop Rockets. All are open to the public.

Hall exhibits will show off the best handiwork of Hampden County youth. You can see decorated cakes, needlework, artwork, basketry, flowers, vegetables, woodworking, and much more.

In the afternoon, the Fashion Revue and Wool Lead Line will showcase the expert sewing of our youth. The day will conclude with the Awards Ceremony at 4:00 p.m. With the help of many generous donations, over 100 trophies will be awarded.

Come spend an hour or a whole day. We're sure that you will have a great time. Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking on the grounds.

FAIR DAY SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. - Horse Show begins in outside arena;
9:00 a.m. - Hall Exhibits open to public & Fun Run;
10:00 a.m. - Livestock Shows begin; 10:30 a.m. - Pet Show Registration, Face Painting, and Badge-Making; 11:00 a.m. - Pet Show and Pedal Tractor Pull; 12:30 p.m. - Pop Rockets and Veggie 500; 1:00 p.m. - Talent Show; 3:00 p.m. - Fashion Revue; 3:30 p.m. - "Make it with Wool" Lead Line; 4:00 p.m. - Awards Ceremony; Fair closes following Awards Ceremony.

For more information please contact: Mary Phelon, 4-H Youth & Family Development - 732-2669; 562-3001; 549-6337 (fax); or Maryellen Sullivan, Publicity Chairperson - 786-2623.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, July 24th: Tomato & zucchini soup, pork parmesan on a roll, plums.

Tuesday, July 25th: Hamburger on a roll w/cheese, lettuce & tomato, pickled beets, lemon pudding.

Wednesday, July 26th: Chicken paprika pie, tossed salad, breadsticks, cookie.

Thursday, July 27th: Ziti w/sauce, meatballs, Normany blend vegetables, Vienna bread, pineapple chunks.

Friday, July 28th: Macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, corn muffin, applesauce & raisins.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

From Baystate Medical Center...

Safe Family Camping Tips For The Summer

(Part II Of II)

PREVENTING POISONINGS

* Teach children to stay away from all plants and wild berries unless you are certain they are safe. Because it is often difficult to know what is or is not potentially poisonous, the safest recommendation is to stay away from plants that are unknown to you. You can also seek advice from your local poison control center.

* Teach children to stay clear of poison ivy and poison oak, which can irritate the skin.

BITES AND STINGS

* Apply an insect repellent to a child's clothing and exposed skin. Some repellents are too strong for small children, so consult medical personnel for recommended repellents. Always have an adult apply the insect repellent, and always follow the product's instructions.

* Avoid using scented products such as perfumes and shampoos (which attract insects).

* Be sure to shake out all clothing before putting it on.

* Teach children not to disturb or provoke any animal they may encounter. Although an animal may look friendly, sudden action could frighten the animal and cause an attack.

* Never leave a child alone with an animal, even if you believe it to be safe.

* Teach children to watch out for snakes and to never pick up or disturb them.

SUN SAFETY

* Apply sunscreen 15 to 30 minutes before going out into the sun so it can penetrate, and apply it frequently throughout the day. Also, remember that sun rays can still reach the earth, even with cloudy skies.

* Dress your child in light-colored fabrics that cover the child's exposed skin (such as the head, arms, and legs).

* Be especially careful in high altitudes, where the sun rays are stronger.

COOKING AND HEATING

* Always supervise children near a campfire or portable stove.

* When making a campfire pit, be sure it is large enough to keep a fire from spreading. Avoid building one on windy days.

* Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach. Never use either inside of a tent.

* Never burn charcoal or use portable camping heaters, lanterns, or stoves inside of tents, campers, or vehicles. Carbon monoxide is an odorless and tasteless gas which can cause flu-like symptoms and even death.

"Follow these simple guidelines and let safety lead the way of your family's outdoor camping adventure," said Shirley LaRoche, coordinator, Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

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Maryann Connor Earns Girl Scout Gold Award

Senior Girl Scout Maryann Connor, daughter of Linda & Kenneth Connor of Agawam, has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor a girl can achieve in Girl Scouting.

One of only six Girl Scouts to attain the Gold Award this year, Ms. Connor was cited for distinguished achievement in leadership, strength of character, commitment to excellence, and service to the community.

Ms. Connor, a sophomore at Holyoke Catholic High School, loves hiking, so she organized a party of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to mark and enhance trails and build a bridge at Robinson State Park.

To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, a girl must complete interest projects, explore careers, devote at least 30 hours developing leadership skills, 15 hours volunteering, and a minimum of 50 hours planning and implementing a Girl Scout Gold Award project that has a positive and lasting impact on the community.

Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council serves girls in Agawam, Belchertown, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Hampden, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, Springfield, Ware, West Springfield, and Wilbraham.

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Vendors Wanted For Tag And Craft Sale

Applications are now being accepted for the Annual Tag and Craft Sale at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills on Saturday, September 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

It will be held in the parking lot of the church.

For an application or more information, call 786-4966 or 786-3384.

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You're Never Too Young To "Read-Aloud"



ALEXANDRIA GOVONI LESKE (above), a first-grade student of Mrs. Jean Carra at Granger School, was recently invited to the "Read-Aloud Week" at Clark School. She read three stories to the pre-school children. Everyone enjoyed the storytime, including the teacher, Ms. Debbie Rowe, and her teacher assistants, Ms. Mary Ann Govoni (Alexandria's Nonnie) and Ms. Sue Roberts.

AFCV Looking For Host Families

AFCV, an international organization, is looking for American families in the Springfield and surrounding areas to welcome French teenagers into their homes for three weeks during this summer.

The next session is scheduled for **August 3rd through August 22nd**. Some activities will be organized and supervised by their French leader three to four times a week for the students during the visit. Families need not speak French to have a visitor, as these are teenagers who have studied English and

expect to use their English skills.

AFCV is dedicated to the cultural and linguistic development of young people through international travel. They specialize in school group and individual exchanges throughout Europe and are now providing opportunities in Canada and the United States.

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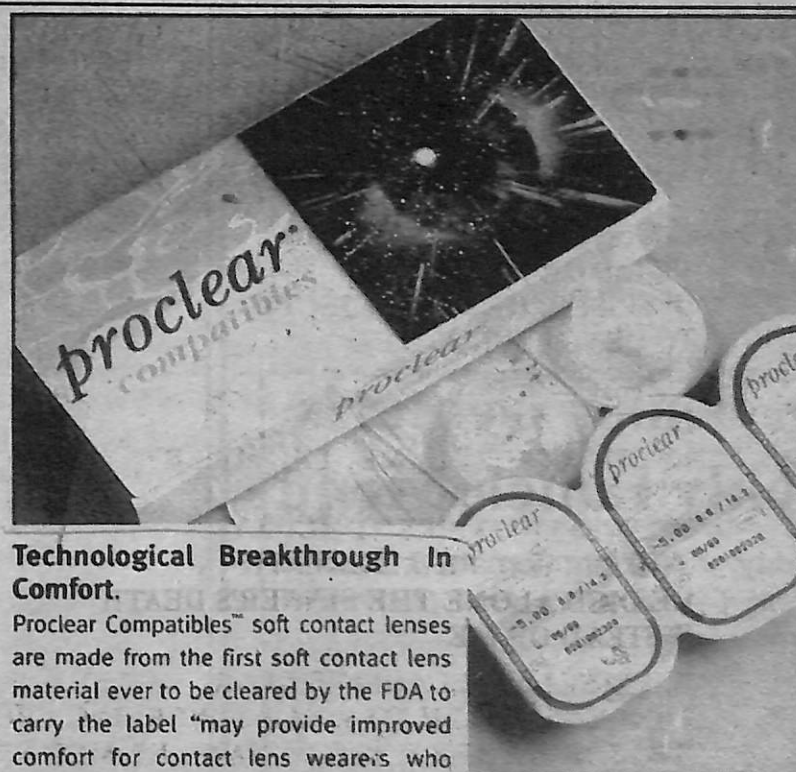
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Church News

Parish News And Notes From St. John's Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS - REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER: The process of registration for next year's classes has begun. Parents of children in first grade are reminded that they have to register their children (they did not receive a note in the mail). If your child was not baptized here at St. John's, please bring a copy of the baptismal record at registration. Registration during July is \$25, and during August it is \$30. There are family rates.

PARISH PICNIC: The Parish Picnic will be coming up on August 27th. Want to help? We are still looking for "dunkees" for the dunking booth. How about some young married couples? Just call Mariann Green at 593-5764.

SUNDAY TO SUNDAY: We will continue this program here at St. John's for all who would like to deepen their awareness of the Sunday readings ahead of

time - Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.; Friday mornings at 9:10 a.m.

PARISH WEB SITE: We are working on our Parish Web Site. We hope to have it as a useful communication tool, including scheduling for our various ministries, regular activities, and links to useful religious sites and resources. You can find it now in its initial stages at www.stjohnsevanglistchurch.org. We are still open to suggestions on ideas to keep the site alive and interesting.

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CLASS: Those to be Confirmed in October are reminded to get their paperwork in and make an appointment for their interview before the end of July.

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Events At First Baptist Church

We welcome Rev. George Thomson as our guest minister this Sunday. Rev. Thomson is a member of First Baptist Church in West Springfield. He has been involved in Youth Ministry for 26 years. Rev. Thomson's sermon title is "Called and Committed." The Scripture reading will be Matthew 4:18-23.

We also welcome Ruth Hodge as our guest organist. Special music for our morning worship will be provided by Scott Thomson, our choir director.

We are always happy to have visitors worship with us. We pride ourselves in being a friendly church.

Our Parent-Child "Play Group" will continue to meet

during the summer each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. This church-sponsored activity is planned for parents with children under four years of age.

Anyone interested in learning more about this group may call Sandra at 786-6277.

The Handiwork Group will meet Thursday at 2:00 p.m. The Youth Group will continue to meet each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. during the summer.

The church's office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and we can be reached at 786-7300.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

Calendar Of Activities From Sacred Heart

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: Religious Education Registration is during Mrs. Patterson's office hours at the Parish Center or at the Rectory.

ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE: The Rosary for World Peace is recited in the Church each Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. prior to Mass, and each Wednesday morning immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to join us in prayer.

ANNIVERSARY MASS: Bishop Thomas L. Dupre invites all couples who are celebrating a significant anniversary (25th or 50th) any time within the year for a special Anniversary Celebration and Reception which will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2000 at St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield. If you are celebrating a special anniversary, please notify your parish by calling (or mailing to the rectory/parish office) the name, address, and number of years married. A special invitation will be sent from the Bishop, and you can choose to attend or not.

TAG AND CRAFT SALE: The annual Tag and Craft Sale will be held on September 9th in the parking lot of the church. Spots are available for \$15 to sell either tag or craft items. If you want more information or an application, please call Theresa (786-4966) or Nancy (786-3384). Applications are also available at the rectory.

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How Does God Feel About Our Sin?

The headline in *The New York Times* was not terribly shocking. It read, "Suspect Caught In Internet Sex Sting." Sadly, although such news ought to shock us, it doesn't. We've heard it all before, too many times.

There was a small twist in the article. The suspect is a minister from a major Protestant denomination. That caught my attention. I read how this man had become involved in an Internet chat room with what he thought was a 14 year-old boy. He had made arrangements with the boy to meet at a certain location, for the purpose of engaging in sexual activities with him. Much to his surprise, he encountered F.B.I. agents instead, who were involved because the minister resides in Pennsylvania, while his intended victim is in New Jersey, which involved crossing state lines.

My outrage was immediate and passionate. I, like everybody else I know, couldn't fathom how any person, much less a minister, could stoop so low as to lure children into their disgusting, deviant ways. I was also shocked and horrified, as well as indignant, on behalf of his denomination and congregation. It was bad enough that this man had attempted this unspeakable crime, but to compound his sin, he had dragged others down with him; guilt by association.

As I looked at this article, only a paragraph in length, something else came to my attention, which caused me to be dumbfounded. Much to my surprise, I know this minister personally. He has been a friend of my family's for at least a quarter of a century.

I couldn't believe my eyes. My outrage and disgust were now joined by grief. It took quite a while to fathom that this man I know, who was so "normal," had fallen so low. I think that I caught an insight at that moment: how God feels about our sin.

In the book of Isaiah, we get a picture of the way God views human sin. It is not nearly as simple as some would like it to be. God is not only outraged by our sin; God is not only willing, even anxious, to forgive us our sins. He is both, at the same time.

"I was enraged by his sinful greed; I punished him, and hid my face in anger, yet he kept on in his sinful ways," God says. We would be surprised if God was not outraged by sin, and we are not surprised. Sin infuriates God.

"I will not accuse forever, nor will I always be angry, for then the spirit of man would grow faint

before Me, the breath of man that I have created. I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will guide him and restore comfort to him," also says God. We would be dismayed if God was not at least willing to consider forgiving our sin. He does much more than that. God is anxious to forgive sin and to restore the sinner. Sin grieves God.

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So He began teaching them many things. Among other things, Jesus wanted to demonstrate God's love for *all* people, good and bad alike.

The local newspaper in Pennsylvania where this wayward minister has, or perhaps had, a church is determined to destroy him. In an editorial, the newspaper vowed to keep this a front page, headline matter, until justice is done in court. I can appreciate their outrage. But I know him, and he is my friend. I hate his sin as much as anybody, if not more. But I cannot help but feel so terribly sorry for the sinner. God knows him, loves him, and wants to be his friend. **For He has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; He has not hidden His face from him, but has listened to his cry for help.**

Jesus died on the cross for sinners such as this minister, as well as for you and for me. Hanging there on the cross, **God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.** Jesus took the penalty of our sin upon Himself.

While on the cross, Jesus quoted Psalm 22 and cried out, **"My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from me, so far from the words of my groaning?"** At the moment of His greatest need, Jesus was all alone. The scene has been described this way: the holy God turning His back on His own Son, because the Son was bearing our sin on His shoulders. It was a terribly lonely moment for Jesus. I am sure this fallen minister is lonely now; not with others' sins, but as a direct result of his own sins. He's under house arrest. In all likelihood, his next home will be a cellblock in a prison.

I hope this man has fallen low enough to look up to God. If he does, he will see God's face, looking at him, loving him. **For this is what the high and lofty One says, He who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."**

Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, July 23rd, at the Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street, Agawam), the Reverend Earl Eisenbach will continue his sermon series on Spiritual Gifts from 1 Corinthians 13:13 ... and how faith, hope, and love abide these three. This week, he will speak on "Love your way through life." The Pastor and his wife, Barbara, are members of the Order of St. Luke, an international healing and prayer ministry. They are available and will pray with individuals after the service.

This year's Vacation Bible Camp, "Family Ties," will be held from July 24th through July 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This is for two year-olds through sixth-graders, and the cost for the entire week is \$7. To register, please call the office at 786-7111 or Suanne Hansen at 786-6660.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 a.m. each Wednesday morning. We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

The Appraisal Fair will be held on September 7th from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

2001 Costa Rica Tour: Anyone interested in a guided trip to Costa Rica in the early part of the year, please call Bill Martin at 789-1063 for more information.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

"Mass Of Anointing" At St. Anthony's Church

On Sunday, July 23rd, Father William C. Rousseau will celebrate a "Mass of Anointing" at St. Anthony of Padua Church, corner of Maple and Bridge Streets, Agawam.

Mass, prayers, and anointing will be offered for the healing of mind, body, and spirit.

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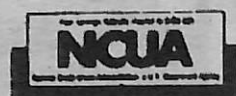
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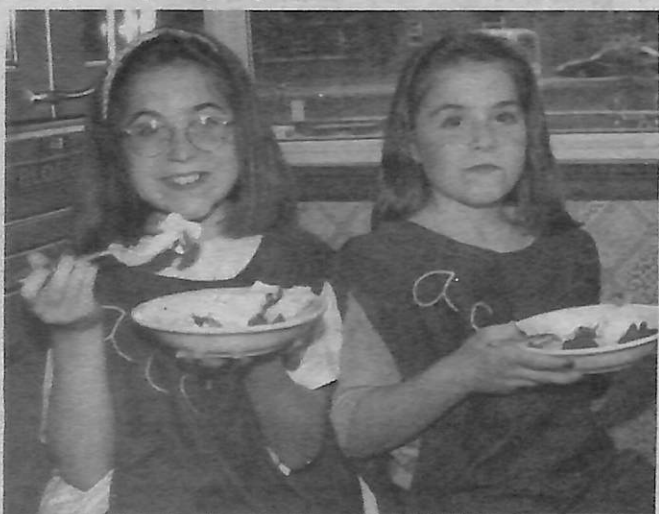
Strawberry Supper At Agawam Cong.



A STRAWBERRY SUPPER was recently held at Agawam Congregational Church. Standing: Lisa Lemire, P.J. Owen, and Amy Lemire. Seated: Theresa Ferrero and Mary Shepard. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



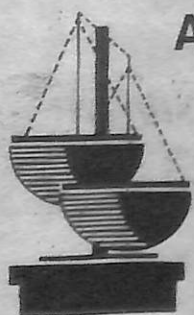
ENJOYING THEIR MEALS AT Agawam Congregational's strawberry supper: left of table - Al Peckham, Sue Peckham, John Hauser, Mary Smith, and Alice Smith; right side of table - Howard Chase, Eileen Chase, Charlene Trombley, Ruth Bartuski, and Corinne Pierson. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



"WE SURE LIKE STRAWBERRY SHORT-CAKE!!!": Lisa Lemire and Amy Lemire at the strawberry supper which was recently held at Agawam Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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News From Faith Bible Church

This past weekend, our youth group held a dog/car wash. The kids had a lot of fun despite the wet weather. A few dogs were washed, as well as quite a few cars. As usual, the teens did a good job and had a lot of fun.

Well, the week has finally come for groundbreaking behind our building on Shoemaker Lane. We have had a few tie-ups, but we are going to be in full swing to dig, pour, and start building our new addition onto our building. This new addition should give us all the room we need to grow and expand.

Our Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays has been held for the past couple of weeks at someone's home. If you are interested in attending, please call the church and you will be given the name and directions to the next Bible Study. The church phone number is 786-1681.

News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 N. Westfield Street. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. for the summer.

Pastor Kelly Crenshaw of St. Stephen's Church in Cascade, Maryland, will join Rev. Donaldson in leading our worship this week. Her sermon is entitled "Let's All Rest for a While."

July 23rd is Gift & Promise Sunday. Members are reminded to keep their pledges to this special campaign up-to-date.

On the calendar:

Friday, July 21st: Guests from Maryland arrive; 5:00-10:00 p.m., Creative Memories.

Sunday, July 23rd: 9:30 a.m., Gift & Promise Sunday; 11:00 a.m., Church of Redemption.

Tuesday, July 25th: 7:00 p.m., A. A.; 7:30 p.m., Financial Stewardship.

Thursday, July 27th: 7:00 p.m., A. A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption Bible Study.

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Spotlight on Business

Work Opportunity Center Holds 10th Annual Employer Appreciation Breakfast

Work Opportunity Center, Inc. held its 10th Annual Employer Appreciation Breakfast on Wednesday, June 28th, at Chez Josef in Agawam. The Center is located in Agawam and has been providing the developmentally disabled of the greater Springfield area with vocational training and community employment since 1969. Its mission is to procure community employment for individuals.

Executive Director Robert F.L. MacDonald said, "Individuals with developmental disabilities benefit tremendously from community employment. They become economically independent while simultaneously developing a new self-concept and positive community presence. The community integration experience helps the developmentally disabled individual to develop new, meaningful, and mutually beneficial personal relationships."

Representing Governor Cellucci was Mary Jenewin-Caplin, Deputy Director of the Governor's Western Massachusetts Office. She delivered remarks on behalf of the Governor, and also presented each award recipient with a Gubernatorial Citation.

The keynote speaker was Terry O'Hare, the Western Massachusetts Regional Director of the Department of Mental Retardation. She oversees the programs and support services the department provides. The department services over 3,500 individuals and families in the four counties of Western Massachusetts. She was pleased to state that Region I is a leader in providing community-based employment services for individuals with developmental disabilities. In addition, she stated that 36 percent of all individuals receiving vocational services in the region



HEIDI FIOGAN (left), credit analyst for H.P. Hood in Agawam, and Megan Stanisewski, "Outstanding Achievement Award" recipient.

are employed by area businesses.

The following awards were presented by MacDonald and Jenewin-Caplin:

1. Quality Employment Award

To be eligible for this award, a corporation has to have hired a developmentally disabled individual and the individual must be on the employer's payroll for a

minimum of six months.

Among this year's recipients were Deluxe Limousine of Agawam, Fitness First of Feeding Hills, and Governors America Corporation of Agawam.

2. Natural Supports Award

To be eligible for this award, co-workers or supervisors of a developmentally disabled must assist the developmentally disabled individual maintain their employment and develop new and mutually beneficial friendships with their co-workers.

This year's award was given to Ed Dersarski, owner of Deluxe Limousine in Agawam.

3. Outstanding Achievement Award

To be eligible for this award, a developmentally disabled individual must be employed in the community for a minimum of two years.

This year's award winners included Megan Stanisewski of Montgomery, who is employed by H.P. Hood of Agawam; Scott Starzic of West Springfield, who is employed by Chez Josef of Agawam; and Fred Stratton of Agawam, who is employed at Geissler's Supermarket, Healthtrax Fitness and Wellness, and Fitness First.

At the close of the breakfast, MacDonald said, "Corporations who employ individuals with developmental disabilities should be commended. These corporations will become role models for other companies in the future. They realize hiring individuals with developmental disabilities is a prudent business decision because they gain an employee who is appreciative of the opportunity to work and demonstrates a good work ethic."

Keenan & Molta Welcomes Consultant Sydney Hirsch

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Sydney Hirsch has been a Realtor for 18 years and is a consistent multimillion-dollar producer who, at one time, owned her own real estate company in New Jersey.

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Hirsch has lived abroad and has done a lot of traveling, which prepares her to work with clients of other cultures, as she understands their needs and concerns.

As a Senior Specialist, Hirsch is qualified to work

with seniors who may be thinking about downsizing or buying a new home in which to enjoy their retirement.

Hirsch is proud of her high standards and ethics in business, and of her valued clients who've placed their trust in her over the years, by referring their friends and family over and over again.

If she can help someone you know in any way, please call her.

Hirsch lives in Longmeadow and is active in the local community as a Board Member of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation.

She is also a member of Temple Beth El and the Jewish Community Center, both in Springfield.

Her husband, Dr. Jerry Hirsch, an organic chemist, is Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Western New England College.

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ANTENUPTIAL AGREEMENTS (Part II Of II)

In *Osborne v. Osborne*, the court held that an antenuptial agreement settling alimony or property rights upon divorce is not per se against public policy and may be enforced. The court reiterated the "fair disclosure" rule established in *Rosenberg* and further stated that antenuptial agreements should be binding on the courts to the same extent as postnuptial separation agreements.

In *Osborne*, the Supreme Judicial Court continued to state that an antenuptial agreement "must be fair and reasonable at the time of entry of the judgment nisi, and it may be modified by the courts in certain situations, for example, where it is determined that one spouse is or will become a public charge, or where a provision affecting the right of custody of a minor child is not in the best interests of the child."

In *Rosenblatt v. Kazlow-Rosenblatt*, the Appeals Court upheld the Probate Court Judge's decision finding that an agreement was valid as to the division of property, but invalid as to the alimony provision. The court stated that the standard to be applied was whether the agreement was "fair and reasonable" at the time of the judgment nisi.

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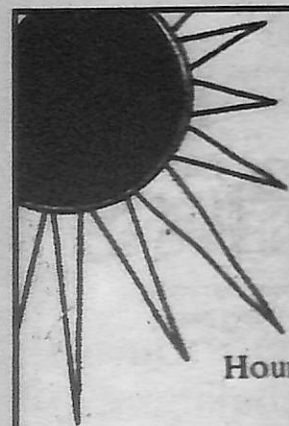
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The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 27, 2000 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Wood for work to be performed on Sycamore Terrace, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
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In *Rosenblatt*, the Probate Court Judge found that the antenuptial agreement was fair and reasonable at the time of the execution and at the time of the divorce with respect to that portion dealing with division of assets; however, the judge also found that the alimony waiver continued in the antenuptial agreement was "not fair nor reasonable either at the time of execution or at the time of the divorce" and was, therefore, invalid.

In *Rosenblatt*, the wife was shown the antenuptial agreement several days before the wedding. The agreement had been drafted by the husband's attorney. The wife did not have legal counsel, nor did she negotiate the agreement. The night before the parties were scheduled to leave for the wedding, the husband presented the agreement to the wife and told her that if she failed to sign it he would not marry her. The wife then signed the agreement with the husband's mother as a witness. She then again signed it several months later before a notary.

Review of the history and case law regarding antenuptial agreements makes it clear that in Massachusetts the determination of the validity of antenuptial agreements involves a comprehensive, fact-based analysis of the fairness and reasonableness of the agreement in question both at the time of the execution of the agreement and at the time of entry of a judgment of divorce nisi.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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- * After coming home from shopping, do you find that you forgot to buy something?
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You fail to make time to get and stay organized ... Set specific time aside every day for tackling your organizational problems. Write things in your appointment book just as though it was a doctor's appointment.

You fail to follow up ... Don't assume that you'll remember what you have to do in the future. Even if you could remember, why would you want to clutter up your mind? I keep a to-do list and a calendar with me at all times, and I log everything. In fact, I also use my electronic organizer extremely effectively, especially the alarm. I can't live without it.

You fail to set priorities ... Again, I use my to-do list and my calendar for everything. Get in the habit of writing down every future task that arises as it arises.

Each morning or evening, list the most important or urgent things that must be completed that day. Mark each item #1 (deadline issues), #2 (basic tasks), and #3 (routine tasks). Cross off each item as it's completed, and transfer unfinished items to the next day's list.

You fail to divide a complex problem into small, manageable segments ... Don't try to fix everything at once - get focused. Divide your problems into small units. If the problem is a physical one (such as a messy basement), visually check out the room and list the elements to work on. If the problem is a system or a process, mentally run through it and break it down. Also, it's very important that you work on solving only one small problem at a time.

You fail to deal with paper ... There are four things that you should do with paper - toss it, pass it along to someone else, act on it, or file it. Each piece of paper requires its own small decision. The worst thing that you can do is pick up a piece of paper and then put it down because you don't know how to handle it.

You fail to plan ahead ... If you are working on a complex project, it is extremely important to pace yourself over the weeks and months that you have to complete it. Always list on specific dates on your calendar how far along you plan on being on your project, and then check your progress.

You fail to make use of services ... Many of us were raised to feel that it's wrong to hire others to do menial tasks for us. A necessary attitude change: my time is worth too much to waste it on doing things that I don't want to do. Use a student to run errands and a cleaning person who'll maintain your house/laundry.

You fail to consolidate ... Combine errands; do all your car errands geographically, make all your phone calls at once, pay all your bills at once, etc. Consolidate your movements.

Everyone has the ability to get and stay organized. It's actually a very simple thing to do; you just must realize that it's going to take time and discipline throughout every day to the day to stay on top of things. I guarantee that getting and staying organized will make you a happier person.

Agawam's New St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

Interested Agawam residents have initiated the organization of this town's own, St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

This committee will be affiliated with the Holyoke Parade Committee and will work with area organizations and businesses to create and fund a marching contingent and float for the Annual Parade in Holyoke.

The preparation for this event is a year-long process and may include picking a Colleen, picking award recipients of awards, designing, funding, and building a float.

Members need not be of Irish heritage. Any interested citizens may join this worthwhile and enjoyable committee.

Anyone interested in participating in this organization is urged to contact: Mike Tuckey - 789-9272; Bob Magovern - 786-0244; or Gerry O'Keefe - 786-2483.

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I'm *expecting* my life will once again change upon the pending birth of our fifth child. We're due mid next week, but the doctor *expects* us to deliver early. Our children have their own set of expectations. Number one on their list is to not have to share their room with the baby, while knowing full well there is no room in the inn.

Our youngest, 4-1/2 years-old, is struggling with our and now his expectation that he will be needing to stay in his own bed throughout the night, despite his pattern of occasional bed-hopping during the wee hours of the night. He is *fully expecting*, and letting us know, that he *expects* the sharing of his closet space, that currently stores all the baby clothes, to be temporary. In fact, he has been quite verbal about wanting them out - now!

Our seven year-old *expects* to hold, feed, change, play with, and all-around nurture her newest brother. She has seen the sonogram pictures and has been informed by the doctor that the baby is a boy. Yet, there exists a part of her that hopes and *expects* that he'll come out a girl. She also *expects* this sibling to be healthy and not die shortly after his birth like her big sister did.

Our oldest, 14, *fully expects* the overall volume in the house to go up a notch or two. He *expects* to care for his new brother by changing even those "smelly" diapers. He *expects* not to have to babysit this sibling for some time to come, at least until he is comfortable and trained to do so. He welcomes the summer as a time to hang with his new bro, but looks forward to getting back with his friends at school and focused on what he enjoys doing.

Mom is *expecting* to have a few weeks off from her

full-time job. She looks forward to nesting, further bonding with the baby, slowing down, connecting with the kids and preparing the house, to name a few. She *expects* to share the parenting duties with me as we have before. She *fully expects* this child to flow into the movement of our home and the relationships already in-progress. She *expects* to breastfeed this child, too, and to express her milk so that I, too, can participate in the feedings.

Once labor starts, she *expects* this child to come fast, too. She hopes to go V-back again (after the first two were Cesarean sections). She *expects* to deliver at Mercy Hospital alongside her colleagues. She *expects* to have me there to experience everything with her.

I *expect* to have yet another real intimate experience with my wife, my best friend. I *expect* to encourage each of our children to as fully participate in connecting with their new brother and with one another, as best as possible. I *fully expect* to be up late and early taking my opportunity to provide care for our little guy. I *expect* to lose the kind of sleep never to be retrieved, to be tired and not go on a date anytime soon.

I hope to take some time off from work, have more time to play with my kids, get some things done around the house and most importantly, give Mom some well-deserved rest and time for herself. I *expect* to be the only kind of Dad I know how to be - involved.

We all have our personal expectations. Some of them will probably come true, others will fall to the side and perhaps disappoint, while others may emerge to surprise. **Real living invites expectations.** How we live into them, accept what becomes and what doesn't and how we are or are not open to what surprises us, all speak to the complexity of having expectations.

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Agawam Support Group Sponsored By The NAMI-WM

On the last Monday of each month, a support group sponsored by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts is held at the Agawam Council On Aging, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Groups sponsored by the NAMI-WM are facilitated by persons who have had years of experience with mental illness, either directly or as family members of an ill person. At most meetings, there will be people present who have varying degrees of experience and knowledge about mental illness. Others have only recently faced the problems created by mental illness.

The support group meetings are intended to supply emotional support and information. Discussions are honest and open, but no one is expected to talk about anything he or she would rather not discuss. *Everything said at these meetings is kept confidential.*

If you are interested in joining and would like to receive more information about the support group, please contact Lucille Drewnowski at 786-1236.

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Back Pain And Pregnancy...

Backaches and pains often develop during the course of pregnancy for many women. The reason in part is that the extra weight the mother is carrying may cause postural distortions which can result in irritations to the spine.

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Two of these hormones are estrogen and progesterone, which cause relaxation of ligaments in the pelvis and can also affect ligaments of the spine (making them less stable than usual).

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The **SCHLAFFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE** is available to answer your questions. Call 789-1369.

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Support Groups, Courses, & Programs At Noble Hospital

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Diabetes Support Group: Tuesday, July 25th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Kelly Senecal, R.Ph., a pharmacist at Noble Hospital, will speak about herbal supplements.

This program is free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

For more information, call Diabetes Nurse Educator Karen Ranen, M.S., R.N., C.D.E., at (413) 572-5178.

Caregivers' Support Group: Wednesday, July 26th, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the second and last Wednesdays of every

month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this group for those who are caring for someone with a life-threatening illness. Hospice families, staff, and community members are invited to participate.

Call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services for more information at (413) 562-7049.

National Safety Council First Aid and American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR: Saturday, August 19th, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. At the Noble Hospital Education Department.

For teachers, health care personnel, lifeguards, recreation workers, fitness instructors, and others who need First Aid and CPR certification for their jobs.

The cost is \$65. Call the Noble Hospital CPR Line to sign up at (413) 572-5172, or the Education Department with any questions at (413) 568-2811, ext. 5572.

Mercy Hospital Hosts Cancer Support Group

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. The free meetings are conducted Mondays at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

Weldon Center Sponsors Chronic Pain Support Group

The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital sponsors a free Chronic Pain Support Group for sufferers, their families, and friends. The next meeting will be conducted July 25th, 1:00-2:30 p.m., in room 224 of the Weldon Center, 233 Carew St.

The group is led by Glenn Fagen, Ph.D., a clinical neuropsychologist at the Weldon Center. Dr. Fagen will discuss new technologies, theories, and treatments for chronic pain; participants will have the opportunity to share experiences and learn pain management techniques.

For more information, call Dr. Fagen, (413) 748-6996.

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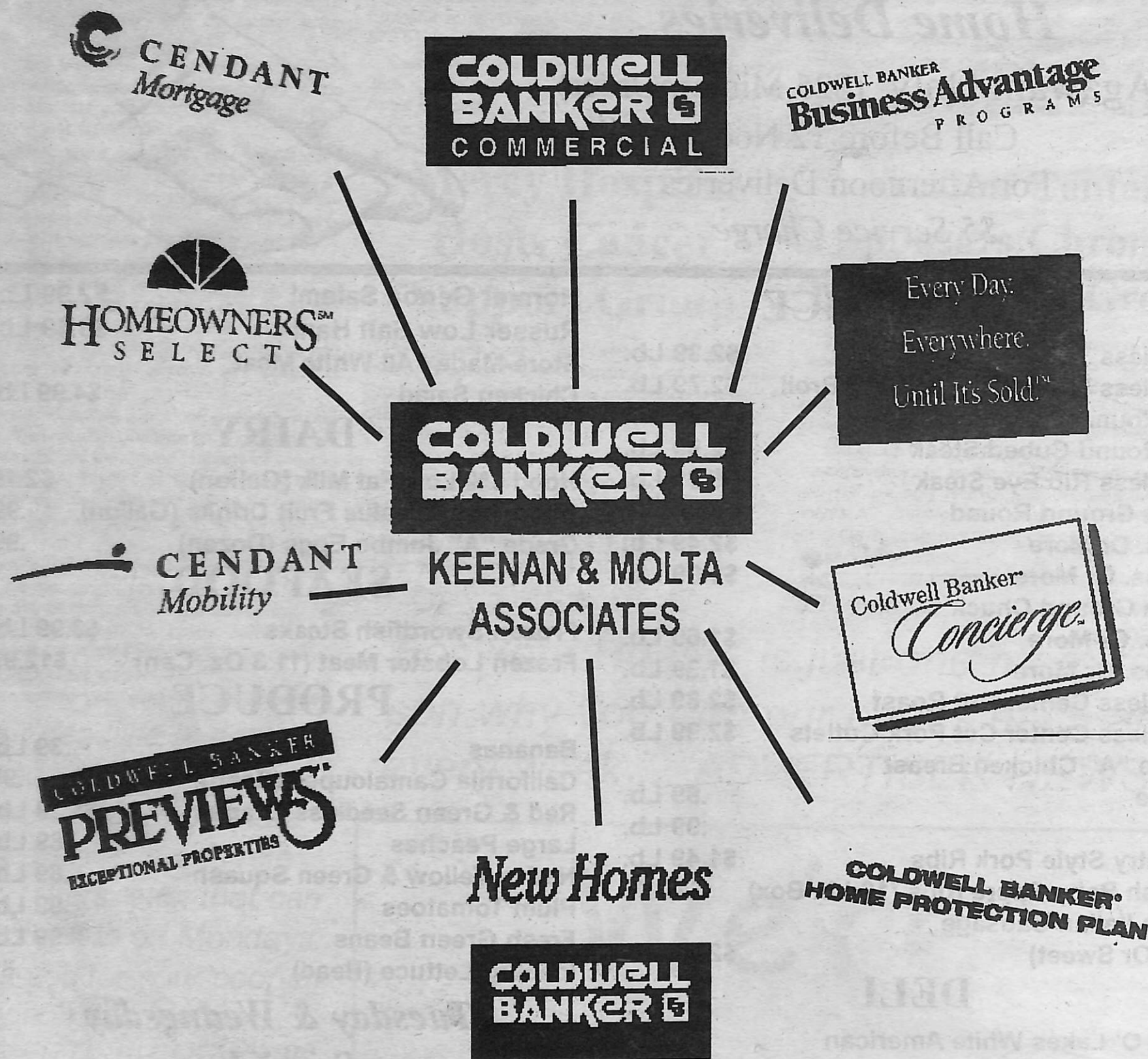
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MARGIE SECORA (seated, far left), co-producer of STAGE Children's Theatre, rehearses with the cast of "The Enchanted Melody," a musical fairytale that she wrote and composed for the Summer Drama Camp. The 35-member cast will premiere the musical July 21st-23rd at The Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills. For ticket reservations, call 789-2026.

STAGE To Present "The Enchanted Melody" At Red Door Theatre

STAGE Children's Theatre will present an original children's musical fairytale entitled "The Enchanted Melody," written and composed by Margie Secora, on July 21st and 22nd at 7:30 p.m., and July 22nd and 23rd at 2:00 p.m., at The Red Door Theatre, 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

"The Enchanted Melody" tells the story of the Kingdom of Harmony, whose many different personalities are not what they seem.

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Participants will be treated to a "Young Wizards Show" created by the MAD SCIENCE team, featuring "Hogwort's" style science experiments complete with bubbling potions, magic wands, and firebolts. Club members and guests can dress up as characters in the Harry Potter books, if they wish.

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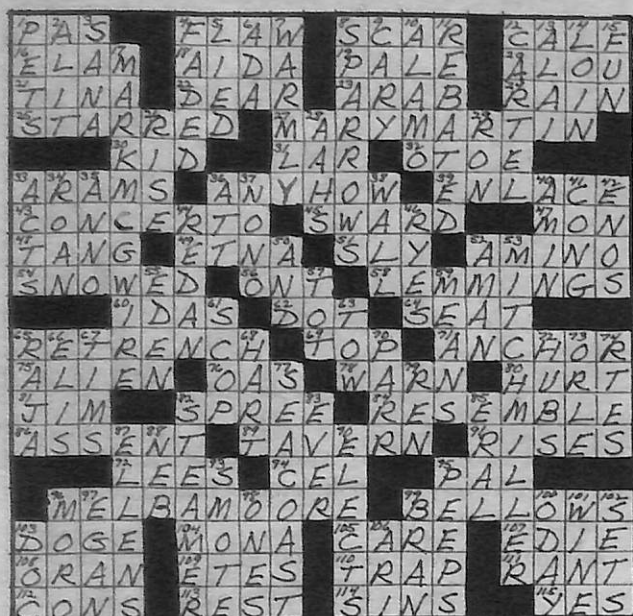
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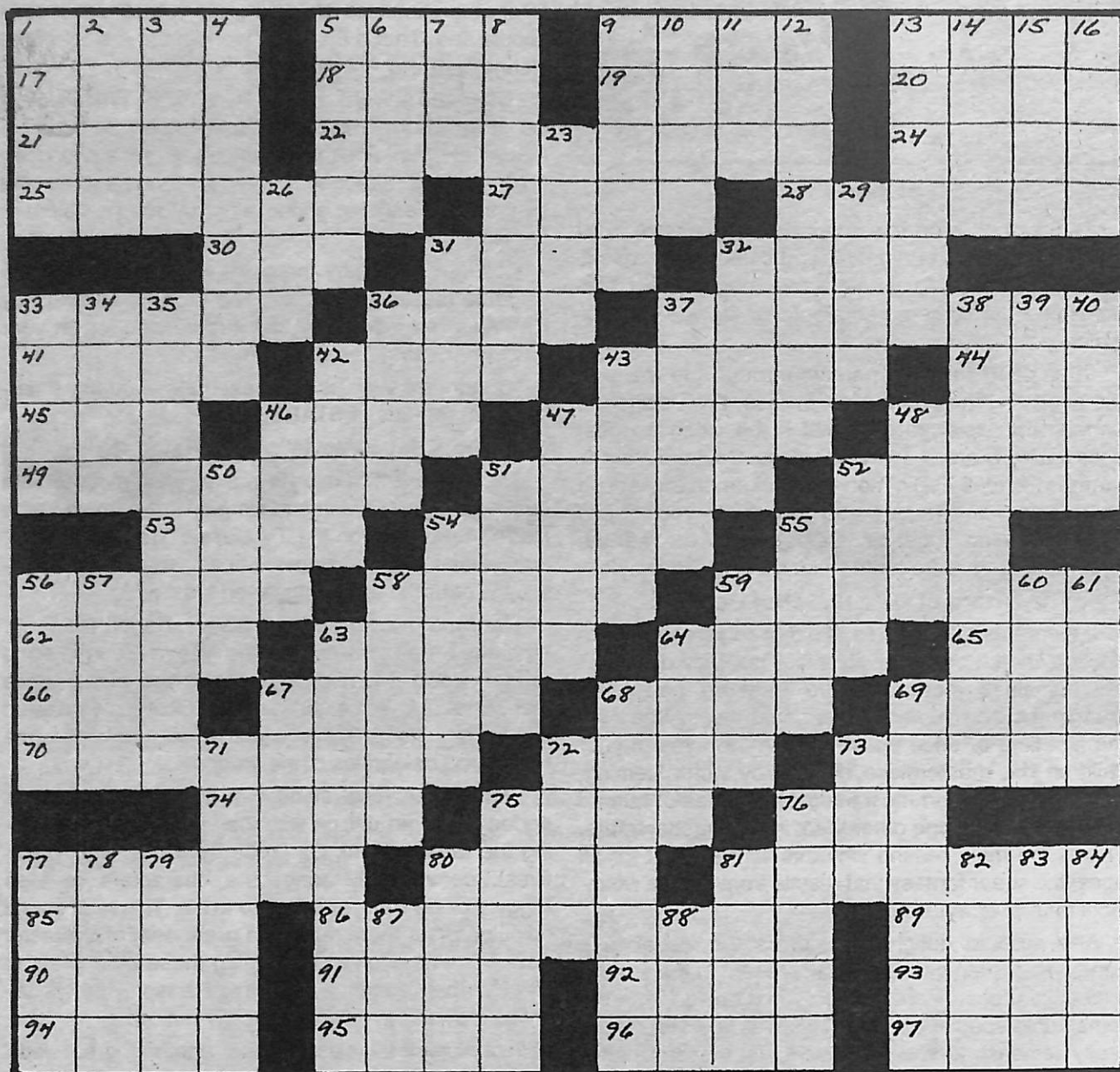
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Real Kids' Stuff 1

The current trend towards including violence in all forms of child entertainment is disgustingly present. Movies, toys, video games, and magazines often-times seem to be centered around or include extreme violence.

In an effort to guide parents through the maze of the good and the bad in kids' movies, I've decided to periodically assist parents with some video suggestions that truly are child-friendly films. So, take a break from Dragonball Z, Digimon, and Pokemon and spend some time with the kids with something you all can enjoy watching together. Beats trying to find the Charmander card from the Pokemon set, anyway!!

* "The Wizard of Oz": 1939, Not Rated.

If there has ever been a film that requires no introduction, then it most definitely is "The Wizard Of Oz." This timeless motion picture treasure has been charming movie audiences for generations. See it for the first time or once again through the eyes of your children. This masterpiece, directed by Victor Fleming, delicately relays the most intricate qualities of human nature through, none other than, inhuman characters. This is the main reason why this film is great for all ages; the sheer fantasy that results from such a whimsical form of storytelling.

Also sure to delight the kids is the visual "eye candy" that is almost constantly present in the form of extravagant costumes, high-color set design, and the remarkable special effects. This was the first film to really demonstrate the powers of color motion picture. Making the first act of the film black-and-white until Dorothy reaches "Munchkinland" was brilliant for both the filmmakers to realize and the audience to marvel at.

Also worth briefly noting are the fine performances by all involved, especially Margaret Hamilton as the now-famous Wicked Witch. She, partnered with the eerie soundtrack, delivered the impact felt from the conflict of good versus evil. A fine device that children find delightfully terrifying!

This may be the only film that I feel doesn't lose its theatrical impact on video. After all, there's no place like home! **5 STARS.**

* "Charlotte's Web": 1973, Rated G.

When was the last time you watched this one? This is another timeless children's story that every child should see. This is the finest work in the history of the Hanna-Barbera Animation Studio.

"Charlotte's Web" is based upon E.B. White's classic story about a barnyard spider who befriends a meek little pig. The relationship that these two characters share throughout the film underscores the themes of friendship and loyalty that are prevalent in the film.

Children will enjoy the story while learning some valuable lessons about life. The story is narrated by Rex Allen so eloquently that it is sure to tug at your adult heartstrings as well as the kids'.

"Charlotte's Web" is a fine example of quality entertainment for kids. **4 STARS.**

* "The Muppet Movie": 1979, Rated G.

The name Jim Henson is virtually synonymous with quality child entertainment. Henson's "Muppets," who made their debut on the TV classic "Sesame Street" and subsequent "Muppet Show," made their big-screen debut in this lighthearted kids' flick.

The most recognized amphibian, Kermit the Frog, embarks on a cross-country trip from a Georgia pond to Hollywood. Kids will love the antics and exploits that surround Kermit and his pals. Obviously inserted for the adults are the cameos of many surprise Hollywood celebrities of the time.

From a technical standpoint, the puppeteering is perfect. This, in unison with the voice talents, including the famed Frank Oz (Yoda from the "Star Wars" films), convincingly brings the characters of Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear, and Gonzo to life. This may sound ridiculous, but there really is a great deal of character development involved in bringing these characters to life. For this reason, I recognize Henson and his talented crew. They ARE technically acting.

Technicalities aside, this is another great kids' movie that was made from the same recipe as "Sesame Street," but presented in a different format that older kids will appreciate too. **4 STARS.**

(Writer's Postscript: Coming in a future edition ... "Real Kids' Stuff 2.")

* **"PISANO'S PICKS" REVIEW GUIDE: 5 STARS** - Extraordinary; **4 STARS** - Excellent; **3 STARS** - Good; **2 STARS** - Average; **1 STAR** - Watchable; **0 STARS** - Avoid.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the WSDC winners!!!

West Side Dance Center Takes High-Scoring Award At Dance Caper

The Westside Dance Center students received the highest score out of 300 routines at a local Dance Caper competition.

On Sat., July 1st, WSDC's Senior Lyrical Team, Ed Zitka, Alycia Drake, Alicia Zitka, Samantha Santaniello, Ashley Bailleul, and Kerry McGeoghan, performed to the lyrics of Via Del A Rosa, choreographed by Beth Lacienski.

The team performed in front of renowned judges and a packed audience and received a High Gold and First Place Awards. At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, they were also awarded the High Score Trophy for the day.

The excitement didn't stop there. After figuring all the scores for the entire competition weekend, Gloria Tuperkeizsis, Founder of Dance Capers, announced to the team that their score was, in fact, the highest score out of the 300-plus routines that performed throughout the weekend.

All of the participants received high scores. Petite Jazz took home a Gold; Junior Jazz & Ballet - Gold; Adult Beginner Tap - Gold; Senior Ballet - Gold and First Place; Senior Tap - Gold; Senior Jazz - Gold and First Place; soloist Alycia Drake - High Silver; soloist Kelli Sullivan - Gold; soloist Kerry McGeoghan - Gold; soloist Ed Zitka - High Gold; duet Tracey & Theresa Williams - Gold; duet Ed & Alicia Zitka - High Gold; soloist Ashley Bailleul - High Gold; and duet Kerry & Katherine McGeoghan - Gold.

West Side Dance Center owners/choreographers are Karen Hamel and Aimee Beauregard. Teacher/choreographer of the highest-scoring team at Dance Capers was Beth Lacienski.

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Education

Outstanding Juniors Receive Recognition At Ceremony

by Jen Niedziela
Feature Writer

Last month, members of the class of 2001 were honored for excellence in academics at the Annual Book Awards Ceremony, held in the Agawam High School library. In the presence of their families, members of the School Committee, town officials, and members of the faculty, these juniors were rewarded for their work in the areas of English, science, math, health education, and history.

"These awards are presented annually to outstanding juniors who display excellence in scholarship and high character, combined with achievement in other fields," said retiring faculty member Rosemary Stratton, who served as the master of ceremonies. "Each award exemplifies the school's concern for excellence."

Winning awards this year are AIC Book Award, **Mike Federico**; Brown Book Award, **Nicole Dominick**; Dartmouth Award, **Steven Messina**; Harvard Book Award, **Ryan Lepard**; Russell Sage College Scholar, **Nicole Dominick**; Smith Award, **Corinne Butova**; Westfield State Book Award, **Scott Fleming**; Excellence in English, **Sarah Lottermoser**; Daughters of the American Revolution Award, **Keegan Clark**; Excellence in History, **Adam Ellsworth**; Xerox Award, **Adam Ellsworth**; Rensselaer Medal for Math and Science, **Jim Wisniewski**; Bausch and Lomb Award, **Corinne Butova**; and Wheelock College Award, **Heather Ferguson**.

The winners were chosen by the teachers from nominations by the faculty. The teachers look at the candidates and select the winners from the few that show excellence in scholarship, school activity, outside activity, and character. "It can be a tough decision," said Wayne Morse, social studies coordinator. "So many students show outstanding qualities."

Assistant Principal Marc Costanzi offered his congratulations to the winners. "I'm very proud of the students. I know they work very hard throughout the year to achieve these awards, and they're very deserving of them."

"They've done very well," stated Principal Paul Cavallo. "I'm very impressed by the students who received these awards. I expect to hear a lot of good things about them in the future."

Cavallo then went on to discuss other positive aspects of these award winners. "It makes me feel good to show the community the positives about the school, because too many times people only hear the negatives. These students represent the positive."

"The whole teaching body is extremely proud of these students' accomplishments today," said Bernadette Conte, Dean of Students. "I truly realize that there are so many talented students that attend Agawam and our collaborative programs." Mrs. Conte also noted the effort of the teaching staff, as without their selfless dedication, Agawam would not be able to produce so many top-notch students.

Parent involvement is key as well. "It's wonderful when students can have the support of their parents throughout their education," said Mrs. Conte. "The more involvement a parent has, the better a student will do."

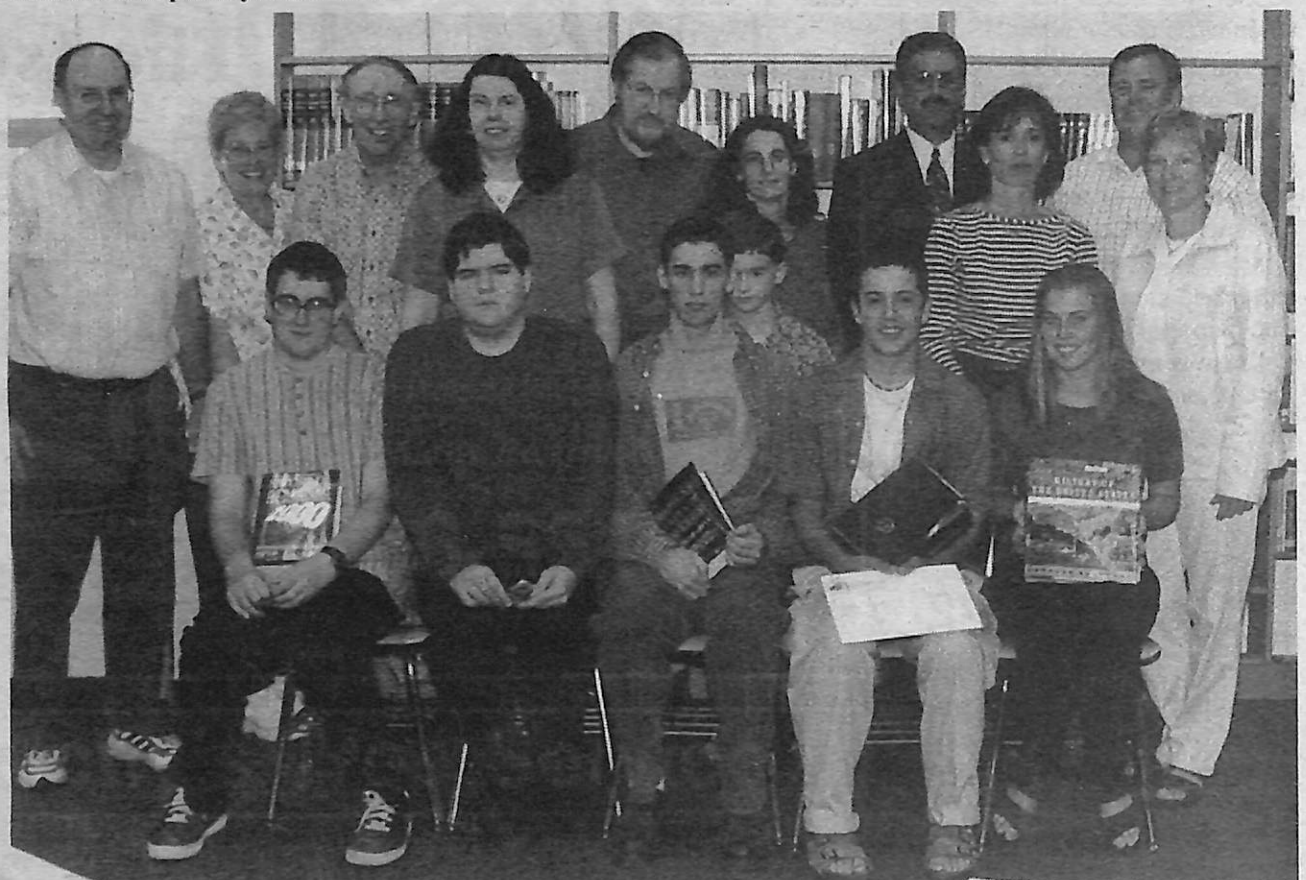
An opportunity for the colleges and AHS to recognize outstanding students, the book awards have been given out for many years. The alumni of the colleges donate the awards. "Every year, there are more awards, and the ceremony gets bigger," said Mrs. Stratton. "It's wonderful to see these students honored."

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AWARD WINNERS: front row (left to right) - Corinne Butova, Keegan Clark, Sarah Lottermoser, Heather Ferguson, and Nicole Dominick; back row (from left to right) - Scott Fleming, Ryan Lepard, Steven Messina, Adam Ellsworth, Mike Federico, and Jim Wisniewski.

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SEATED, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Award winners Scott Fleming, Jim Wisniewski, Adam Ellsworth, Mike Federico, and Keegan Clark with their respective families. (See related photos on Page 36.) Advertiser News photo by Jen Niedziela.

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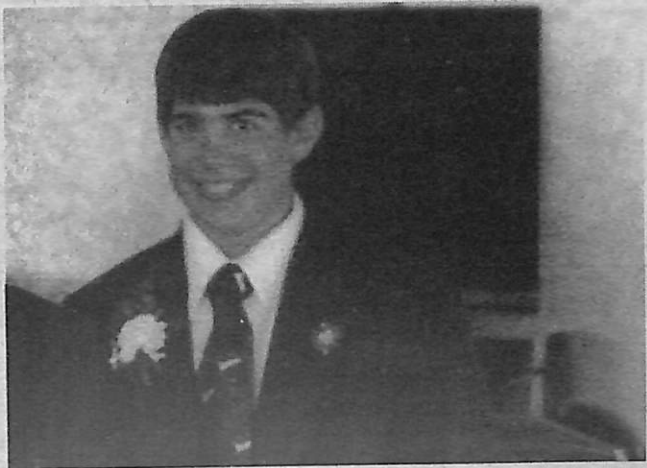
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DAVID KREPS

David Kreps Graduates From The Grammar School

The Grammar School at Somersville's sixth-grade graduation ceremonies recently took place at Hampden Country Club. Among this year's graduates was David Kreps of Agawam. The Grammar School is located in Somersville, Connecticut.

Headmaster Richard Denniston congratulated the sixth-grade class. Speaking to parents, friends, and faculty, Mr. Denniston reiterated the importance of small class size. He spoke of two recent studies — one in Tennessee and another in Wisconsin — that support the belief that children do better in school when class size is about 15.

"The Tennessee study concluded that children in small classes generally have higher grades, better graduation rates, and they were more likely to attend college," Denniston thanked the parents "for their support which enables the Grammar School to maintain such small classes."

After the sixth-graders gave their Class Will, the fifth-grade students wished the graduating class well with a special song. The evening concluded with special thanks and words of appreciation given to all the parents and teachers.

Sign Language Camp To Be Held Aug. 7-11

A "Sign Language For Beginners" Camp will be held from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., August 7th-11th, 127 James St., Feeding Hills. Lessons will be taught by Susan Michalak (references available) at a cost of \$44 per student (materials included).

Call 789-1149 to register by August 1st.

St. Mary High's Summerfest On Sun., July 23rd

"We're kicking off the next 100 years!"

The first annual St. Mary High School Summerfest has been slated for Sunday, July 23rd, from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. It will take place at the Sons of Erin Pavilion, 22 William Street, Westfield.

There will be great food, live entertainment, and raffles. It will be held rain or shine.

Tickets are at the door, and the cost is \$20 (per individual) or \$30 (per family).

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.

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Jonathan D. Jacobsen Graduates From State Univ. Of New York

Jonathan D. Jacobsen of Feeding Hills, a 1996 graduate of Agawam High School, received a bachelor of arts degree in English Literature from the State University of New York at Albany on May 21st.

He graduated Summa Cum Laude and was inducted into the local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa during his senior year.

Jonathan is the son of Bruce & Pamela Jacobsen. He will be pursuing a career in publishing.

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Agawam Schools' Summer Band Concert On Wed., July 26th

The Agawam Schools' Summer Band will have a concert on Wednesday, July 26th. The concert, featuring many well-known pop tunes and traditional band music, will be held outdoors at the Junior High School in Feeding Hills at 7:00 p.m.

The Summer Band program has run for many years, and this year consists of 90 young musicians from sixth grade through high school. The two bands are under the direction of Junior High Band Director Scott Thomson, with the assistance of area music teachers and college students.

In the event of inclement weather, the concert will take place indoors in the Junior High School auditorium.

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Area Students Attain Dean's List At UMass Amherst

Dean of Students Jo-Anne Vanin has announced the names of students who qualified for the Dean's List for the 2000 spring semester at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade point average or better on a four-point scale.

"Providing opportunities for academic growth and achievement is one of the University's highest priorities; I am pleased to recognize those students who earned Dean's List honors," said University Chancellor David K. Scott. "Such outstanding performance is a source of pride and credit to the entire University community."

The following local students were named to the University of Massachusetts Amherst Dean's List for the 2000 spring semester:

* From Agawam -

Danielle M. Bourdeau, 508 Franklin Street Extension; Robert E. Bousquet, 11 Conifer Drive; Andrea L. Cizek, 33 Tracy Drive; Leeson T. Connor, 35 South Alhambra Circle; Charles F. Denison, 18 Charest Lane; Michele S. Ingalls, 103 Beekman Drive; Shaun K. Kane, 25 Ash Lane; and Jennifer J. Stratton, 282 Silver Street.

* From Feeding Hills -

Michelle S. Butler, 50 Blacksmith Road; Chung-Ching Choi, 127 James Street; Chris M. Coelho, 79 Fordham Avenue; Jason E. Flood, 7 Morningside Circle; Michael F. Freeman, 68 Bessbrook Street; Jason C. Grimaldi, 1225 Springfield Street; Valerie A. Moran, 14 Red Fox Drive; Bryan J. O'Quinn, 25 Thalia Drive; Diane L. Parslow, 309 Poplar Street; Denise J. Roy, 111 Pleasant Drive; Sarah J. Ryder, 775 Springfield Street; and James R. Willis, 181 Valley Brook Road.

Kirsten L. Decoteau Graduates From Worcester Polytechnic

Kirsten L. Decoteau recently received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering with High Distinction at Worcester Polytechnic Institute's 132nd commencement ceremonies.

Ms. Decoteau was a member of *Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society* as well as a member of *Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority* and a Resident Advisor. While a student at WIP, she completed summer internships at NASA Langley Aerospace Research Center in their Fatigue and Fracture Division as well as at Bose in their Materials Research Department.

For her **Interactive Qualifying Project**, which focuses on the relationships among science, technology, and the needs of society, she was part of a team which traveled to The Netherlands to participate in a civil engineering project. For her **Major Qualifying Project**, which demonstrates competency in her chosen field, Ms. Decoteau's team traveled to Germany, where they completed a research project in conjunction with the Technical University of Aachen involving the rheology of semi-solid materials.

Since completing her degree requirements in December, Ms. Decoteau has been employed as a mechanical engineer with Lockheed-Martin Missiles and Space in Sunnyvale, California.

A member of the AHS class of 1996, she is the daughter of Patrick & Donna Decoteau of Feeding Hills.

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John Higgins III Named To Dean's List At Providence College

John Higgins III of Agawam has been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the spring 2000 semester. To achieve Dean's List status, a student must attain a 3.25 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale, with no grade lower than a "C."

A member of the class of 2000 at Providence College, his major was biology-science.

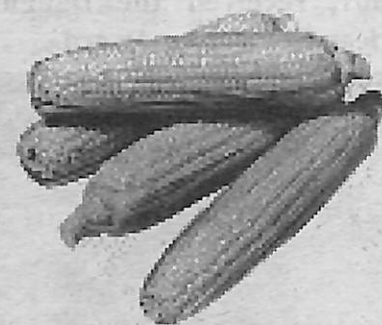
Steven J. Bertolino Graduates From Middlebury College

Steven J. Bertolino, son of Charles & Jean Borgatti Bertolino of Agawam, recently received a bachelor of arts degree in English from Middlebury College at the 2000 commencement ceremony on the Vermont liberal arts college campus.

Bertolino graduated with the following honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, High Honors in English, College Scholar 6 Terms, Dean's List 1 Term.

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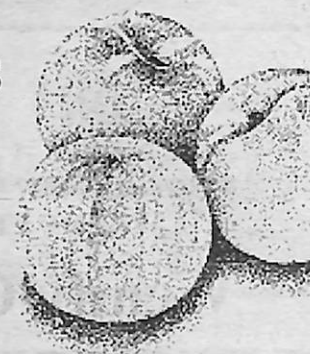


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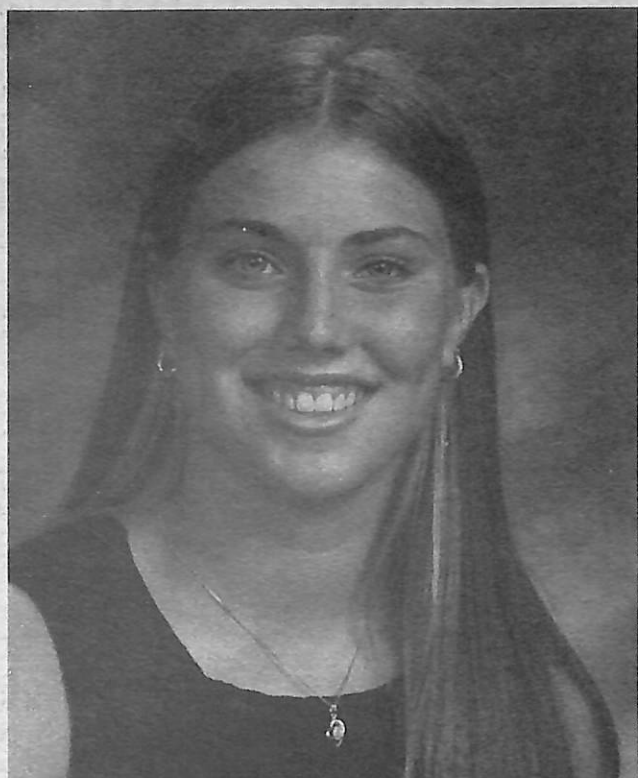


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Congratulations To The Book Award Winners



KEEGAN CLARK, a member of AHS's class of 2001, received the Daughters of the American Revolution Award.



AT LAST MONTH'S Annual Book Awards Ceremony at Agawam High School, members of the class of 2001 were honored for excellence in academics. Seated (from left to right): Award winners Steven Messina, Sarah Lottermoser, Ryan Lepard, Nicole Dominick, Heather Ferguson, and Corinne Butova with their respective families. Advertiser News photo by Jen Niedziela.

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WENDY CLOUSE

Wendy Clouse Attain's Dean's List At Bridgewater State

Wendy A. Clouse, a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School, has been named to the Dean's List at Bridgewater State College for the spring semester.


Wendy is majoring in Special Education, Sociology, and Deaf Education.

Wendy is currently Vice President of the Residence Hall Association, a Clinician for the Children's Physical Development Clinic, and a Eucharistic Minister at St. Basil's Catholic Center at Bridgewater State.


During the past year, she was a volunteer at the Breath Games for asthmatic children and the Special Olympics for both Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Presently, Wendy is spending her summer working in Dublin, Ireland.

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Sports

Meet Jonathan Cavallo, The New Coach For The Boys' Varsity Soccer Team At AHS

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High Athletic Director Kathy McSweeney has completed her quest for a new boys' soccer coach. After an exhaustive search, she dipped into perhaps the foremost hotbed of the sport in Western Mass., choosing Jonathan Cavallo from Ludlow.

Cavallo is 27 years-old and has been involved in the game for most of his life, as a player and coach. He was impressed by the way his hiring went. "Not only was I interviewed by Ms. McSweeney, but by a group of boys' soccer players as well," he told us. "I knew they had the talent in this town to be winners. They also showed me a great knowledge and love of the sport."

Cavallo began his playing career in Ludlow at the age of five. He was talented enough to be on a number of select teams. At 14, he was on the Ludlow team that was the state champion in that age group. He was also coached by Rich Andre of the Western Mass. Pioneers.

As a senior at Ludlow High School in 1990, he was All-Western Mass. as a midfielder. The Ludlow team he was on as a junior was ranked number nine in America. "We were so good, we went 19 deep in the talent department. That was quite a group."

His high school career led to Brandeis University in Waltham, where the 5'9", 180-pounder was a standout on the Division III team that was a powerhouse then and is still one now, playing a schedule that takes them around the country.

He graduated from Brandeis in 1995. After that, he got a master's in secondary education. He was the assistant boys' soccer coach for the Ludlow Lions from 1995 to 2000.



JONATHAN CAVALLO

It was a great run. During that time, Ludlow was a two-time state champion in 1995 and 1999, and tied for the title in 1997. He is also the junior varsity girls' basketball coach at Ludlow and the freshman boys' baseball coach (positions he has held for two and five years, respectively).

Cavallo also teaches history at Ludlow High. His uncle, Paul, was just named principal of Agawam High School after being the assistant principal and a

long-time school guidance counselor.

We asked the coach what his philosophy of the game is and how he'll approach his duties at AHS. "We'll have a ground game and a passing game. I know the kids coming in are skilled. We'll focus on a control game, which means we'll have contact with the ball more than our opponents. Soccer starts with defense and a team's offense starts there as well. I've seen it work with Ludlow soccer. It will work for Agawam as well."

Which brings up Ludlow soccer and the obvious question - why are they so good? "Tradition has a lot to do with it. You get to a certain level of excellence and it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. But it's more than that," Cavallo noted.

All of the above brings us back to what the Brownies can expect in the upcoming season, which opens with practice on August 28th. "There will be four teams that will not only test us, but everyone else in Western Massachusetts, too. Ludlow, Minnechaug, Amherst, and Westfield are strong programs," Cavallo noted. "Our short-term goal will be to win the Churchill-Moriarty Division, which is something I know we can do."

Then the coach added something else. "We played Agawam twice last year and beat them both times. Both games were extremely tough for us. I saw an Agawam program that is right on the edge of some very good things."

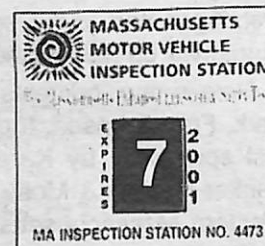
Cavallo hopes he can meet with as many members of the boys' soccer booster club as possible before and during the season. "I want them to know that this is a new era. It's all right there in front of all of us."

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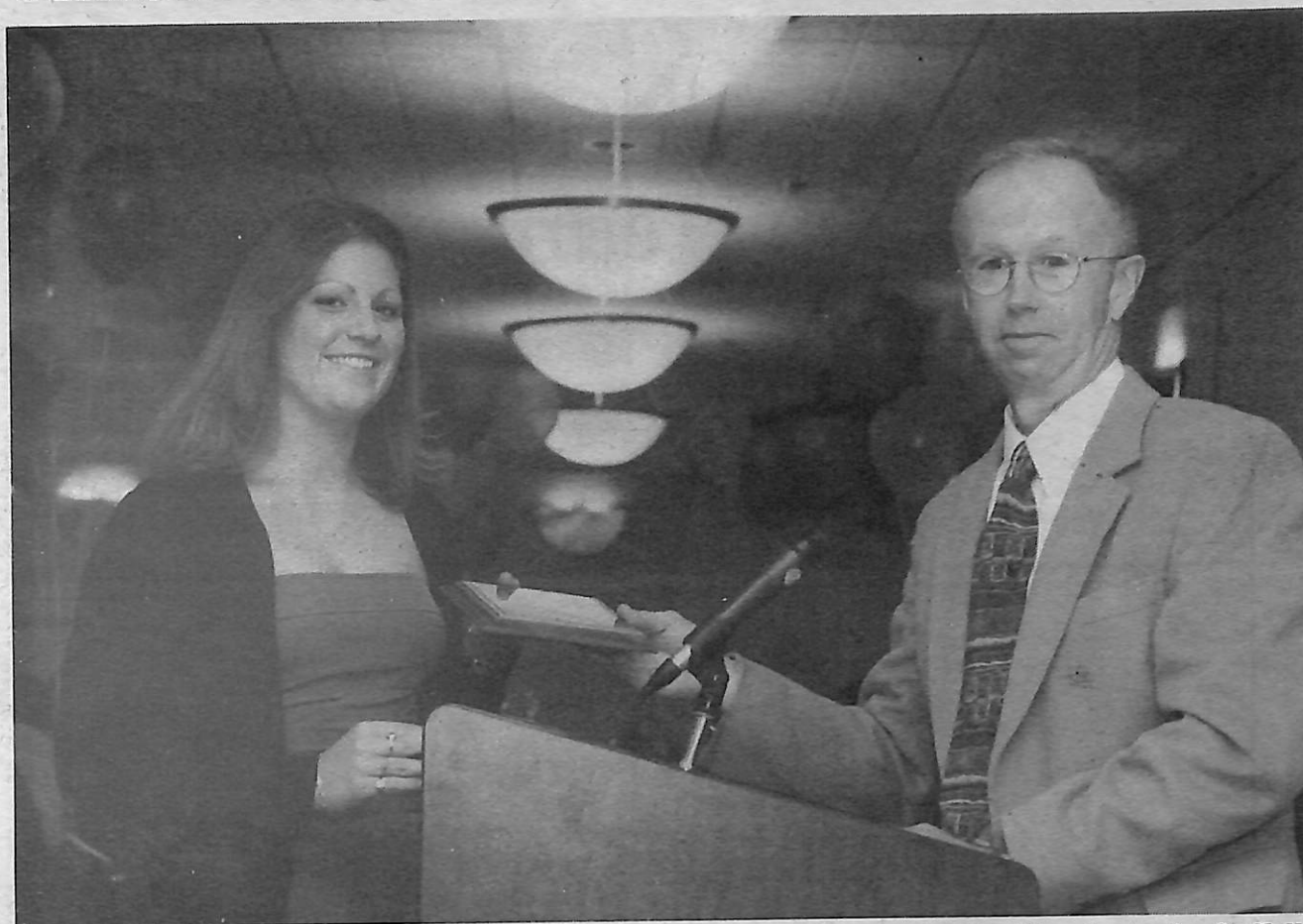
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Amber Conte Honored At Suffolk Univ.



AMBER CONTE OF AGAWAM (left) was honored as the most valuable player in Suffolk University varsity basketball at this year's recently held athletic banquet. She led the team in assists with 134. Her coach, Ed Leyden (right), presented her with the award. Suffolk's basketball team had its best season ever, finishing with a record of 19-7. Conte was also honored for her play in softball and received the coach's award. She is a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School, and the daughter of Agawam High School's girls' varsity basketball coach Lou Conte and Debbie Conte.

Business Professionals To Tee Off In ACCGS Tourney At Oak Ridge Golf Club

The Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield will hold its annual Gold Tournament on Tuesday, July 25th at the Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills.

Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start to the scramble format at 12:15 p.m. Dinner will be held at the Club at 6 p.m.

Hole-in-one contests provided by Bertera Auto Park, Fran Johnson, Inc. and a \$10,000 putting contest sponsored by Karen Charbonneau of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates and The Bank of Western Massachusetts will be help throughout the Tournament.

Prizes will include an automobile, round-trip airfare for two anywhere in the United States (donated by

AAA Travel), and a car.

Cost for the Tournament is \$500 per foursome and includes cart, lunch, fruit on the course, dinner, goodie bags, and prizes. Cost for the dinner is only \$35.

Registration will be held on a first come, first served basis, and registration must be made in writing.

Reservations may be made to Laurie Brunelle, Events Coordinator, Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield, Inc., 1441 Main Street, Suite 136, Springfield, MA, 01103-1449, fax: (413) 731-8530, e-mail: brunelle@gschamber.org.

Western Mass Aquatic Club Travels To CT

The Western Mass Aquatic Club traveled to UCONN last weekend to compete in the Windsor Water Rat Swim Meet.

Twenty teams attended this meet. Some of the best teams were from New England and Connecticut. The team swam very well and took home many top-six finishes.

"Our kids really showed that they wanted to win," Coach Amber Waters stated. "They raced hard and had fun; what else can you ask for?"

Top finishers were:

From Springfield: Ryan Kenney in the 100 and 200 breaststroke, Adam Bubo in the 100 breaststroke, Eric Dubois in the 50 breaststroke, Liesel Vanderlinden in the 200 IM, and Nina Vanderlinden in the 100 Fly.

From West Springfield: Sarah Houlihan in the 100 free, Ben Greguoli in the 100 fly, Andrew Blakesley in the 200 free, Niki Jellison in the 50 free, and Skikha Gupta in the 100 breaststroke.

From Longmeadow: Lauren Bedard in the 100 and 200 breaststroke, Lauren Hauser in the 100 backstroke and Kellen O'Gara in the 50 fly.

From Chicopee: Monica Dorobisz in the 100 back and the 200 fly.

From Agawam: Anthony Ardolino in the 50 back and breaststroke, and Adam Rhodes in the 50 free.

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Craig O. Waryasz Golf Tourney On July 28th

The third Annual Craig O. Waryasz Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Friday, July 28th at Shaker Farms Country Club. Cost is \$100 per golfer, and includes lunch (hamburgs, hot dogs, beer, iced tea, lemonade); hole-in-one prizes (including a 2000 automobile from John Christie's Chicopee Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Cadillac; a set of irons from Fran Johnson's Nevada Bob's; a pool or spa from Teddy Bear Pools); bar-b-q chicken dinner following golf (5:30 p.m.); closest to the pin and long-drive contests; and many, many raffle prizes.

The cost of attending the chicken dinner only is \$20. To register for this four-person scramble format tournament, send a check to The Waryasz Memorial Golf Tournament, 130 Valentine St., Agawam, MA 01030. Please indicate the names and phone numbers in your group. Those wishing to attend the chicken dinner only, please mail your check for \$20 per person to the address above.

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The Agawam Youth Football Association is sponsoring a football camp on July 24 through the 25th. The camp will be run by Precision Sports between 5 and 7 p.m. at Phelps School.

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PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE first-place winners of the First Annual West Springfield-Agawam Kiwanis Club Golf Tournament (from left to right): Al Diaz, Jeff Piper, Steve Gonglik, and Paul Jones. Proceeds from this tournament will be used for the club's scholarship fund and its youth-oriented activities. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Len Anair (chairman of the golf tournament committee), Bob Andras, John Mundorf, and Jim Salzer comprised the second-place winners of the West Springfield-Agawam Kiwanis Club's golf outing. This first annual fundraiser was recently held at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield, and a total of 56 golfers turned out for the inaugural event. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Kiwanis Inaugurates 1st Golf Tourney

Fifty-six golfers responded to the shotgun start of the first golf tournament that was recently hosted by the West Springfield-Agawam Kiwanis Club at Shaker Farms Country Club.

The tournament was long planned as a fundraiser to augment the funds devoted to the scholarships annually given as well as other youth activities sponsored by the club in the twin communities.

Len Anair, chairman of the club's golf tournament committee, said that the tourney was supported by twenty-five major sponsors, among them Suburban Chevrolet who offered a \$1,000 prize to anyone getting a hole in one on the ninth green.

The number of participants was also gratifying the chairman noted, saying, "The response was great seeing that this is our first year."

While results are still being tabulated, Anair said that without question this tournament will be the most successful fund raiser for the local club. "And," he added, "we're making notes now to improve it next year."

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Kiwanis Golf Committee Says Thanks



THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE First Annual West Springfield-Agawam Kiwanis Club Golf Tournament (from left to right): Diane Anair, Kay Buoniconti, Ed Walsh, Nancy Whitehead, Len Anair (committee chairman), and Chris Kumiega. (Missing from photo: Judy Lichwan.) The committee was pleased with the outcome of the club's first golf outing and appreciates the efforts of all of its participants and supporters. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Mederos Williams Mustangs Take 2nd In Spring Hockey

The Mederos Williams Mustangs won second place in the Lower squirt division of the Pioneer Valley Arena's spring hockey league. After a tough regular season, the Mustangs put it all together to win a spot in the Lower squirt division finals by beating the Baywest Blade Warriors and the Nanotuck Bruins in the playoff round.

They lost their final playoff game to the first-place Ludlow team by a score of 8-1. Two nights later, they came back to play the Ludlow team for the championship game.

With hardware on the line, the Mustangs really got up for the game and held the Ludlow team to a one-goal lead until late in the third period, when one slipped by the Mustang's goalie to make the final score 3-1 in Ludlow's favor.

Leading the Mustangs' charge was the foreword lines of Andy Brennan, Murphy Serafino, Billy Grise, Joey Rizzo, Derek Ellis, Mason Richard, Mason Conlin, and Kris Ziemba.

The blue line was guarded by a pack of puck-hungry bulldogs named Eric Rannikko, Luis Vazquez, and K.C. Cousineau.

The job of keeping the puck out of the net was split between the two goaltenders, Tommy Barnes and Steven Fiedler. These two goaltenders, when not playing in the net, also skated out as the fourth defenseman.

Coaching the Mustangs this season were Bob Fiedler, Al Richard, Luiz Vazquez, and Bill Ellis. All of the coaches agreed that this was a great bunch of kids to work with.

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THE MEDEROS WILLIAMS MUSTANGS: bottom row - Derek Ellis, Steven Fiedler, Tommy Barnes, Luis Vazquez, and Kris Ziemba; top row - Mason Conlon, Mason Richard, Erik Rannikko, Andy Brennan, Murphy Serafino, and Billy Grise. (Missing from photo: K.C. Cousineau and Joey Rizzo.)

AHS Fall Hockey League To Form

The Agawam High School hockey team will be forming a team to play in the fall league at the Olympia. The league will begin the last week of August.

The fall team is open to anyone that will be trying out for the Agawam High School team this year. Anyone interested in playing in the fall league should contact Todd Peetros at 786-9597 no later than July 28th.

Summer Walking Group At AHS Track

The Agawam High School track will be open (weather-permitting) for walking and jogging on the following days:

Monday: 6:30-8:30 p.m.; **Tuesday:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.; **Wednesday:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.; **Thursday:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.; **Saturday:** 7:30-9:30 a.m.

The track will be open for walkers and joggers during the above hours throughout the summer. Strollers are permitted on the track.

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The tournament begins on July 22nd at 9:00 p.m., and concludes at the weigh-in at Jones Ferry Marina on the Connecticut River in Holyoke at 6:00 a.m. on the 23rd.

A total of over \$7,000 in cash and prizes awaits the lucky contestants! All fish must be weighed alive.

The entry forms are available locally from most tackle retailers and at the new Pirates Cove Restaurant and Pub at Jones Ferry.

Local companies such as Residential Cleaners, Doughnut Dip, and others have helped to sponsor this event. The tackle industry has signed on to help this worthy cause, with companies like Berkley, Abu Garcia, Yakima, Catcher Co., and last but certainly not least, Al Gag's own company - Gag's Grabbers of Agawam.

Last-minute fishermen can always get his (or her) last possible chance to enter at the Jones Ferry Marina up until 6:00 p.m. on the 22nd, or give Al Gagliarducci a call at home.

This year, News 40 will be signed on as a major sponsor.

Everyone's favorite local TV fisherman (Al Gag) will be featured on News 40 on the 5:30 p.m. news segment every Thursday.

According to Al Gag, the "other" station that featured his fishing segment for so many years, succumbed to pressure from the animal rights kooks and dropped the show. You can guarantee they also dropped ratings and a good chunk of the sportsmen who used to watch and now have virtually unplugged that channel from their TVs, according to Al.

FISH REPORTS
FRESH WATER

Area lakes and ponds are producing bass and pickerel along with other warm-water pan fish. Trout action has definitely moved to the deeper water. Trolling with downriggers or lead core continues to be the most productive method. Anglers report that trout are holding just above the thermocline. A good fish finder is a real asset in determining the proper trolling depth.

Bass fishermen are doing fairly good at Congamond Lakes. Deep-weed lines, as well as drop-offs, are producing some nice catches. Trout and an occasional Brookstock Atlantic salmon are falling for deep-trolled flies and spoons.

Connecticut River anglers are finding water levels starting to drop to normal levels. Spinnerbaits, as well as sliders and jigs, are taking smallmouth and large-mouth bass.

Hampton Ponds is producing quite a few bass, but most reports indicate that they are all in the 12- to 14-inch bracket. Try moving from the shoreline stuff and give a try at vertical jigging some of the deeper structure.

Valley streams are presenting a challenge to anglers. Wildly fluctuating water levels have confused both the fish and the fishermen. A return to normal water levels should stabilize the fishing conditions.

SALT WATER

Striper action has eclipsed the bluefish bite along much of the Connecticut and Rhode Island coast. Party boats have been having on-and-off-again success at the Race and Valiant.

Porgy fishing seems to be picking up around Hatchetts Reef and the buoy off of Milestone Point. Some larger fluke have been showing up around the mouth of the Connecticut River and the shoals just off of the river mouth. Bucktail jigs in the 3/4 - to 1-1/2-ounce range, sweetened with fresh squid strips, are doing the job.

Offshore action has picked up, with some reports of blue-fin tuna action about eight to 10 miles off of Mountauk. Shark action continues strong, with a mix of blue, dusky, and an occasional thresher. Some nice makos have been landed on an infrequent basis.

Yellowfin action is still spotty, and the reports indicate that you have a long boat ride to find any action of yellowfin. The end of August may see some better action.

Melconian's Charity Golf Open Set For Aug. 21st

State Senator Linda J. Melconian's Eighth Annual Charity Golf Tournament will take place Monday, Aug. 21st at the Crestview Country Club in Agawam, benefiting Hampden County services for battered women and their children.

Golfers are invited to sign-up a foursome to hit the links for a good cause. The event features a lunch at 11:00, a noon shotgun start, and a barbecue dinner at the course. Most importantly, all proceeds directly benefit Womanshelter/Companeras in Holyoke and two programs of the YWCA of Western Massachusetts (the Abuse and Rape Crisis Hotline (ARCH) in Springfield and New Beginnings in Westfield).

Each program provides free and confidential emergency shelter, 24-hour telephone hotlines, counseling, support groups, legal advocacy, information, and referrals.

Local businesses are invited to donate money or door prizes, or to participate as a tournament sponsor, or a hole/tee/green sponsor. In addition to the invaluable publicity sponsorship generates, every donation has a direct impact on the community, as 100 percent of the money raised goes directly to charity. Local business owners or golfers interested in participating should call Rosemary Sandlin (413) 785-0820 or Paige Thayer at (413) 732-3121, ext. 103, for more information.

Senator Melconian is an active and vocal advocate for domestic violence prevention programs in her district. As the Majority Leader and the highest ranking woman in the Massachusetts State Senate, Melconian is a tireless champion for women, children, and families across Massachusetts.

AIC Slates Day Camp For Girls' Basketball

American International College will be hosting a day camp for girls' basketball players on July 31st through August 4th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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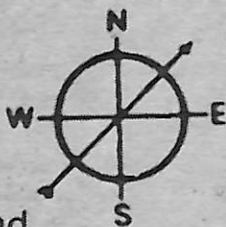
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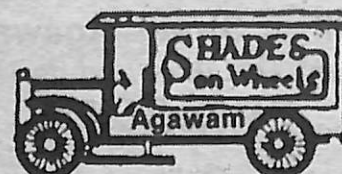
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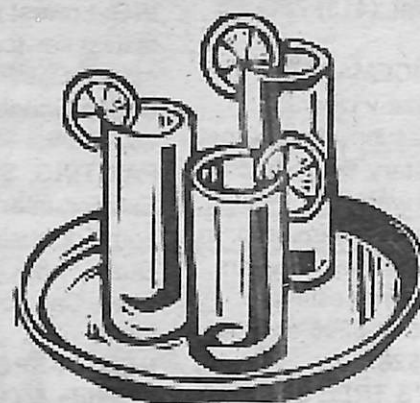
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